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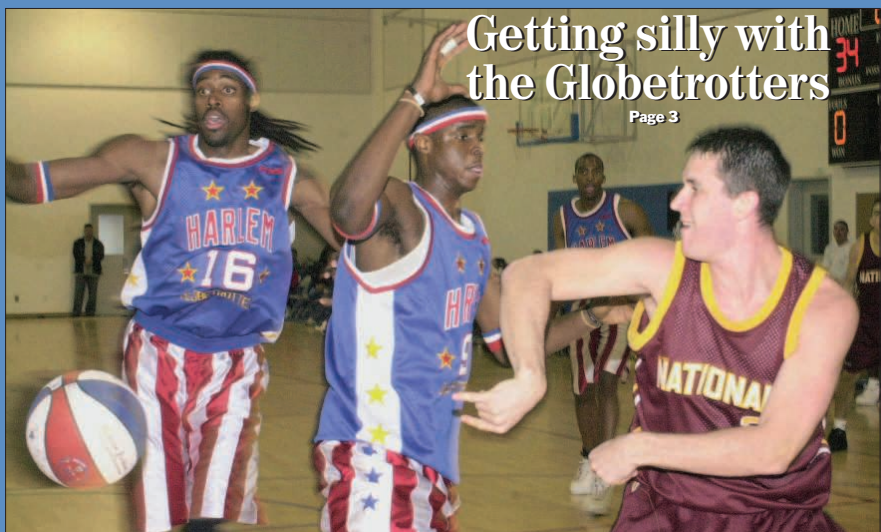
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A member of the New York Nationals makes a pass as the Harlem Globetrotters' John Jackson (16) and Eric Thompson (9) defend during a game Sunday at Naval Station Rota, Spain. The Globetrotters are touring bases in Spain, Italy, Germany and Turkey this month.

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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Michael Jackson: Following two days of searches at the Neverland ranch of Michael Jackson, who is accused of molesting a boy, California authorities collected a DNA sample from the singer, a newspaper reported Sunday. Investigators used a cotton swab to take the sample from inside Jackson's mouth on Saturday, the Santa Barbara News-Press reported, citing unidentified sources.

The move came as police searched Neverland again on Friday and Saturday, just weeks before the pop star's trial is scheduled to begin Jan. 31.

Jackson

Jackson, 46, has pleaded not guilty to child molestation, conspiracy and administering an intoxicating agent, alcohol, to the alleged victim.

World

Ukraine election: The campaign for a third round of voting in Ukraine's bitterly fought presidential contest officially opened Sunday with activists signing up to monitor the election and a top ally of opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko speaking confidently of victory.

Lawmaker Yuliya Tymoshenko insisted Yushchenko would prevail against Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich, who is favored by outgoing President Leonid Kuchma and Russian President Vladimir Putin. "We are confident of a colossal victory by Yushchenko," she told journalists, adding that fewer officials are now willing to falsify the vote. "Something has changed, thanks to the people," Tymoshenko said.

New campaigning officially kicked off Sunday, three weeks before the Dec. 26 vote, which was ordered by Ukraine's Supreme Court in a landmark decision to toss out the results of the Nov. 21 runoff.

Kashmir explosion: A remote-controlled roadside bomb blew up an army patrol car in a pre-dawn attack Sunday in disputed Kashmir, killing an Indian army major and 10 other soldiers, police said.

A man who said he spoke on behalf of the Hezb-ul-Mujahadeen militant group claimed responsibility in a call to the Central News Service. The group is the largest of the militant organizations fighting Indian security forces since 1989 to carve out a separate homeland or merge Kashmir with India's neighbor Pakistan.

The powerful blast in Wachi village hurled the car skyward and left a 10-foot wide crater in the road, police officer Imtiyaz Ahmed said by telephone from the site of the blast, about 40 miles south of Srinagar, the summer capital of India's Jammu-Kashmir state.

Serbia election option: Serbia's pro-Western president has proposed early general elections in the Balkan republic to try to replace the government that has defied Western demands to hand over war crimes suspects, according to a local newspaper report.



Philippines storms: Debris partially covers houses in Infanta, Philippines. Philippine officials sought international help Sunday to rebuild villages ravaged by back-to-back storms that left 566 people dead and 546 others missing in mostly poor northern agricultural regions. Official figures released earlier said 640 people had died in the storms, but the latest tally lowered the figure to 566.

Boris Tadic, the popular liberal politician who became Serbia's president in June, accused the conservative Cabinet of Prime Minister Vojislav Kostunica of working against state interests by resisting the pressure to arrest and extradite more than a dozen Serbs indicted by the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands.



Tadic

In comments published by Belgrade's daily Politika, Tadic criticized Kostunica's policy of appealing for voluntary surrender of the suspects rather than sending police to arrest them.

Two Bosnian Serbs indicted in connection with the 1992-95 war in Bosnia have surrendered voluntarily since Kostunica became prime minister this year.

Germany suspect release: German authorities have released a Lebanese man questioned in connection with an alleged planned attack on Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi during his visit to Berlin this week, authorities said Sunday.

The man was arrested in Berlin on Saturday on suspicion of supporting a terrorist organization, but prosecutors have decided not to seek an arrest warrant to keep him in custody, said Hartmut Schneider, spokesman for the federal prosecutor's office. He gave no further details.

A judge in Karlsruhe on Saturday issued a formal arrest warrant against three other men who are accused of belonging to Ansar al-Islam, a group that has mounted attacks on U.S. and allied forces in Iraq since last year's invasion. They were taken into custody on Friday on suspicion of planning an attack on Allawi, hours before he met with Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder. Prosecu-

tors did not release the suspects' names.

Zimbabwe's vice president: Zimbabwe's first woman vice president, former guerrilla fighter Joyce Mujuru, called for unity in the ruling party after a divisive power wrangle over her nomination, state media reported.

Mujuru, 49, was elected Saturday at an annual party convention that was marred by the suspension of seven top party officials accused of plotting to sway the vice-presidential vote in favor of parliamentary speaker Emmerson Mnangagwa.

The dispute over Mujuru's election was the most dramatic split in the Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front since it took power under President Robert Mugabe in 1980.

N. Korea talks: Japan's foreign minister said Sunday Tokyo remains cautious about imposing economic sanctions on North Korea because the impoverished communist country could use it as an excuse to pull out of bilateral talks.

Japanese officials visited Pyongyang last month for talks about Japanese nationals abducted by the North's spies in the 1970s and 80s. But several rounds of talks have brought little progress, prompting calls in Japan for the government to take a harder line against the country — including exploring ways to promote a change of the authoritarian regime.

Abu Sayyaf roundup: Government troops raided a suspected safehouse of Abu Sayyaf Muslim extremist guerrillas in a southern city, killing a rebel commander and capturing four suspected rebels, military officials said Sunday.

The slain rebel, Mahar Gahan, also known by his guerrilla name Abu Muslim, has been linked to several bombings in the south. Lt. Gen. Alberto Braganza, who heads the military's Southern Command, said without elaborating stories and photos from The Associated Press.

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'America's team' wows the crowd at Rota

Legendary Harlem Globetrotters begin tour of overseas U.S. military bases

By SCOTT SCHONAUER

Stars and Stripes

NAVAL STATION ROTA, Spain — The world-famous Harlem Globetrotters strutted into the packed high school gymnasium, and it didn't take long for the smiles, whoops and hollers to emerge from the crowd.

As music blared from the speakers, the funniest, and arguably the most entertaining, basketball team took center stage — err — center court and didn't disappoint those who came to watch and have fun.

Lt. Anna Schwarz, a nurse at the base hospital, brought her two daughters, Beth, 5, and Christine, 7, to see the team in Rota on Sunday.

They had never seen the Globetrotters but midway through the first half they were laughing and giggling at the team's on- and off-court antics.

"This is great," said Anna Schwarz, sitting courtside. "It's a lot of fun, very entertaining."

The legendary group's players tipped off their first tour of overseas military bases with their ageless brand of basketball humor on Sunday in Rota.

They played two games against the New York Nationals in a Rota high school gym filled with American military personnel and their families.

The games — sponsored by AT&T and presented by the Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division and Armed Forces Entertainment — are free at all the bases.

Joseph Casey, 17, a senior forward on the high school basketball team, had seen the Globetrotters only on TV and was excited about seeing the team for the first time in person.

"I think it's really good to have opportunities like this because it's not that often they come overseas," he said.

For Chief Petty Officer Eugene Tolbert, it was a family reunion of sorts. His cousin is Matt "Show-



Harlem Globetrotters tour of U.S. military bases

Dec. 6:
Naval Support Activity
Naples, Italy

Dec. 7:
Naval Support Activity
La Maddalena, Italy

Dec. 8:
Aviano Air Base, Italy

Dec. 14:
Naval Air Station
Sigonella, Sicily

Dec. 12:
Mannheim, Germany

Dec. 13-14:
Several locations in Turkey

The shows are free, but some bases require fans to have tickets. Servicemembers should contact local bases for show dates, times, locations and ticket information.

biz" Jackson, a veteran Globetrotter who stole the show on more than a few occasions.

"This is the first time to actually see him as a Trotter," Tolbert said. "I'm definitely excited to see him play."

"Sweet" Lou Dunbar, a former player who now coaches the Globetrotters, said it is gratifying to entertain the troops overseas. Dunbar has been with the team



PHOTOS BY SCOTT SCHONAUER/Stars and Stripes

Members of the Harlem Globetrotters ask for a kiss from a spectator at Naval Station Rota, Spain, on Sunday. The Harlem Globetrotters are touring bases in Spain, Italy, Germany and Turkey this month.

for 27 years. The Globetrotters begin their 79th season next year.

"We're America's team; we've got to feel great about coming over here," Dunbar said.

Although the Globetrotters will

play in front of smaller, more "intimate" crowds on their tour of overseas military bases, they will bring the same show and performance they do at places such as Madison Square Garden.

"This is something special for us," Dunbar said. "Those kids will remember this day. They'll remember this day believe me."

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Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy, starts recycling program

By JASON CHUDY

Stars and Stripes

Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy, is taking its new recycling program one page — and one aluminum can — at a time.

Environmental program specialist David Vann with the base Public Works Department said the program is initially focusing on office paper, cardboard, aluminum cans and wood.

A lot of the base's waste comes from cardboard and wood from the base supply, he said.

The department focused early collection efforts on those materials. For the rest of the base, which is mostly administrative in nature, Vann said, the department wanted to focus on waste paper and aluminum cans.

The office started a three-month test program in the late summer for paper and aluminum in the public works building. "In that 90 days, we generated over one ton of paper," he said. "Then at that point we decided ... to go base-wide."

Since the program started, most buildings have re-

ceived recycling bins ranging in size from standard home garbage cans to shoebox-sized paper collection boxes. Large blue dumpster-sized recycling bins are at central points on the base for large amounts of material.

In its nearly three weeks of operation, the program has already filled about a dozen of the blue paper bins.

A contractor takes the gathered materials from the base for recycling.

At this early point, Vann said, the department is not receiving money for the materials, but it is receiving benefits from the program.

"What we're able to do is save money in waste disposal," he said. "Even if we're not making money from the recycled products we're saving money from its disposal."

"From an environmental standpoint ... we want to be good stewards to our host nation," he said.

The department hopes to expand the recycling program and accept plastic waste, Vann said. The program will eventually include the Grignano housing area, he added.

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Naval Support Activity Naples' recycling program

Naval Support Activity Naples' recycling program for waste paper, cardboard, aluminum cans and wood may be new, but the Public Works Environmental Division has always recycled a handful of items that are considered hazardous materials.

The division collects and recycles a number of items at Grignano Hazardous Waste Storage Facility, bldg. 2080. Items include: used motor oil; household chemicals such as cleaners and insect repellent; toner cartridges; fluorescent light bulbs and batteries.

It will accept batteries ranging from the small AAA batteries in calculators to car batteries. Car batteries also can be turned into the Navy Exchange Autopart facility.

All collected items are accepted at the facility, then stored and disposed of by Environmental Division personnel.

Additionally, newly arriving personnel can stop at the facility and take any of the household cleaning supplies.

The facility's hours are from noon to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays and 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays. It is located next to the privately-owned vehicle lot behind the base hospital.

— Jason Chudy

Soldier gets hands-on with WWII history

Commander of Baumholder-based Phantom Regiment fuels his passion with re-enactments

By TERRY BOYD
Stars and Stripes

BAUMHOLDER, Germany — A man with a perfectly restored, airbrushed and lacquered Army jeep sees Joseph Hall at a World War II commemorative and calls him on the less than perfect stencil job on the white star on the hood of Hall's 1941 Willys jeep.

Unfortunately, the man, who has no military experience, picks on the wrong G.I. Joe.

"I know how soldiers act," says Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Hall, who's been in the Army 27 years. "I know how soldiers think."

Who did the stenciling in the circa-1940 Army?

"The guy in trouble," Hall says. "He's watching his buddies go out on the town with a pass, and he's stuck there with a stencil and a brush."

That soldier's handiwork is not going to look like car-show detailing.

When he's not battalion command sergeant major with 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Hall is the leader of a group of re-enactors called the Phantom Regiment.

Based at Baumholder, the Phantom Regiment is Hall and a group of young soldiers bitten by the same World War II bug. These are the people who know the difference between the 82nd Airborne D-Day paratrooper uniforms and the ones they wore for Operation Market Garden three months later.

"It's an out-of-control hobby, more than anything," Hall says. Sgt. Maj. Hall does it for the right reason, says Steve R. Ruhnke, curator of Baumholder's 1st Armored Division Museum.

"He's just dedicated. Some people [collect military artifacts] for financial reasons," Ruhnke says. "He does it for the love of history. And for educating others, especially young soldiers."

Hall's particularly knowledgeable about WWII equipment, Ruhnke says, and Hall's soldiers concur.

"He knows more than I'll ever know," says Sgt. Jonathan Parker, a 20-year-old 1st Armored Division tank driver who is also an Abrams gunner with the Baum-



TERRY BOYD/Stars and Stripes

It takes a good eye to tell if this photo is from the Stars and Stripes of 2004, or 1944. With the snow, the authentic uniforms and weapons and the Sherman tank, this could be a photo from the Battle of the Bulge. In fact, it's members of Baumholder's Phantom Regiment in the parking lot of the base post exchange on Veterans Day. From left to right is Spec. Jonathan Parker, Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Hall, Pfc. Edward Thrasher, Sgt. 1st Class Kevin DeVoss (partially in view), Sgt. Matthew Amaral and Pfc. Derrall Escobar. All the uniforms and weapons are courtesy of Hall.

holder-based 1st Battalion, 35th Armor Regiment.

Perhaps it's because something about Hall hails back to the Greatest Generation. Clearly, he admires those soldiers.

"I think they grew up tougher," Hall says.

They were adept at keeping tanks running, he says, because they'd come from the farm where they worked on tractors and drove old jalopies.

Hall has the unerring ability to instantly recall anything he's read, heard or studied. In casual conversation, streams of data flow from him.

How much does an M-1 Garand rifle weigh? Why is a Sherman tank so tall? What's its gas mileage? How many casualties were there in the first 24 hours of D-Day? What tactics did the Americans use? The Germans? Which units fought where? Why did it take the U.S. Army three years to develop a suitable field jacket for the European theater?

The answers are easy for Hall.

He can leave listeners smelling the Cordite on the battlefield, hearing artillery shells screaming in as they ponder what it was like to crouch in a foxhole enduring hours of deadly accurate artillery and mortar fire.

And who knows, says his wife, Sabine, maybe this knowledge could lead to a second career. After the 1998 Steven Spielberg movie "Saving Private Ryan" premiered, experts such as Joseph Hall became "a big-time resource" for people wanting accurate information about World War II, Sabine Hall says. Especially those people using the Internet to chase down the loose ends of their father's service.

Including his wife. Rifling through books and old unit records, Joseph Hall was able to fill in the details of his father, Heinrich Heitmann's brush with death. The French captured Heitmann August 19, 1944 near Lambert-St. Trun, France.

"He had been in the 2nd SS Panzer Division and the French resist-

tance thought it was a good idea to shoot him," Joseph Hall said. But American troops happened upon the scene in time to stop the executions, and Heitmann was detained as a prisoner of war in the States.

Ever since "Saving Private Ryan," retiring baby boomers have started sending lots of e-mails to Hall asking him things like: "My dad was in the 4th Armored Division. What did he do?" Those are the kind of questions he likes to answer as often as he can with the assistance of the Phantom Regiment.

On a snowy Veterans Day, Hall and his young acolytes have the regiment's Sherman tank on display in the Baumholder Base Exchange parking lot. Young tanks come by and ask if they can climb around the Sherman tank and compare it to the M1A2 Abrams. Hall expecting Hall to say no, they're in the turret in about two seconds after he gives his blessing.

All the uniforms — which are

Stripes Spotlight

Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Hall

World War II collector, enthusiast and commander of the Phantom Regiment, a Baumholder, Germany-based group of reenactors. History buffs and model builders who attend events across Europe.

Age: 45

Unit: 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division

Family: Wife, Sabina Hall

Hometown: Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Stars and Stripes

authentic, though not original — on the six Phantom Regiment members present are Hall's. So are every last piece of kit and all weapons.

And there's a basement full of stuff at his house. Permanent change of station time is especially interesting at his house, he says: "How do you pack a BAR (Browning Automatic Rifle)?" Though he and the Phantom regiment do stage what they term "living history demonstrations," Hall is quick to say he's not a re-enactor. "I've been running around the woods shooting blanks my entire life," he said, smiling. "That really doesn't get it for me."

What gets it for him is using all he has learned and collected to create a "museum without glass, without walls," he says.

He sees living history "as a touchy-feely museum," Sabine Hall says. "In a conventional museum, everything is behind glass or ropes. But with historical recreations, people touch the rifles, and they feel how heavy it is. When they touch the wool uniforms, they see how thick it is. 'It's like touching a museum.'"

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Sgt. Nicholas Bogan, 68th Transportation Company, 21st Theater Support Command, shakes hands with Brig. Gen. Larry C. Newman, Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, U.S. Army Europe. Bogan is the 2004 IMA-E and USAREUR Food Service NCO of the Year.



Photo courtesy of the U.S. Army

USAREUR names best food service

Stars and Stripes

The Army recently recognized its best food service in Europe at a ceremony in Heidelberg, Germany.

Sgt. Nicholas Bogan of the 68th Transportation Company, 21st Theater Support Command, was named noncommissioned officer of the year. Spc. Dawn Wallace of the 37th Trans. Group, 21st TSC, was named soldier of the year.

Runners-up this year are Sgt. James Whymyan of U.S. Army Europe and Pfc. Rex Darnell of Battery C, 1st Battalion, 27th Field Artillery, 41st FA Brigade, V Corps.

The ceremony at Patrick Henry Village was hosted by U.S. Army Europe and the Installation Management Agency-Europe.

IMA-E and USAREUR Phillip A. Connelly Award winners for 2004:

■ Large Garrison: Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 4th Infantry Regiment Dining Facility, representing the 100th Area Support Group.

■ Small Garrison: U.S. Army Europe headquarters, "The Any Mission Diner," representing the 26th ASG.

■ Field Kitchen Category: Battery C, 6th Bn., 52nd ADA, 69th ADA Bde, V Corps.

■ Runner-up, Large Garrison Category: 4th Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, representing the 98th ASG.

■ Runner-up, Small Garrison Category: 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group, representing the 6th ASG.

17 Iraqi workers die in ambush

Unrest kills six GIs since Friday

By NICK WADHAM

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Gunmen opened fire on a bus carrying unarmed Iraqis to work at a U.S. weapons dump near Tikrit on Sunday, killing 17 and bringing the toll from three days of intensified insurgent attacks to at least 70 Iraqi dead and dozens wounded.

The attacks, focused in Baghdad and several cities to the north, appeared to be aimed at scaring off who cooperate with the American military — whether police, national guardsmen, Kurdish militias, or ordinary people needing a paycheck.

The violence came just weeks after the United States launched major offensives aimed at suppressing guerrillas ahead of crucial elections set for Jan. 30. Later Sunday, several small Sunni Muslim groups joined more influential Sunni clerics in demanding that the vote be postponed by six months.

Sunday's bloodshed began when gunmen opened fire at the bus as it dropped off Iraqis employed by coalition forces at a weapons dump in Tikrit, 80 miles north of Baghdad, said Capt. Bill Coppornell, spokesman for the Tikrit-based U.S. 1st Infantry Division. Coppornell said 17 died and 13 wounded in the attack.

Survivors said about seven guerrillas were involved, emptying their clips into the bus before fleeing. The bodies of the victims were brought to a morgue too small to fit all of them; some were left splattered on a highway.

About an hour later, a suicide car bomber drove into an Iraqi National Guard checkpoint in Beiji, about 75 miles to the north, detonating his explosives-packed vehicle, Coppornell said. Then



Soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, cordon off an area around the crater left by large car bomb that exploded in Baghdad on Saturday.

JOHN QUEEN/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

gunmen opened fire on the position. Three guardsmen, including a company commander, were killed and 18 wounded, Coppornell said.

Also Sunday, guerrillas ambushed a joint Iraqi-coalition patrol in Latifiyah, south of Baghdad, and attacked Iraqi National Guardsmen patrolling near Samarra, north of Baghdad. Two Iraqis were killed and 10 wounded.

The attacks seem to be an or-

chestrated campaign by Iraq's Sunni-led insurgency to strike Iraqis who cooperate in any fashion with the Americans. On Friday, a police station was hit and 16 killed. On Saturday, suicide car bombs hit another police station, killing six, and a bus full of Kurdish militiamen, killing seven.

Six U.S. soldiers have been killed since Friday as well. That included two soldiers slain Saturday during a patrol in Mosul's Palestine neighborhood, when they

came under fire from insurgents shooting from two mosques and other buildings in the area, according to spokeswoman Capt. Angela Bowman. The U.S. military and Iraqi forces later raided a mosque and detained three.

The raid drew several disguised men out onto the street in protest. "I swear by God, I swear by God, I swear by God, our retaliation will be severe. God witness what I say," a masked man shouted before speeding away in a car.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Saturday, at least 1,269 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 988 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said as of Friday. The figures include three military civilians. The department did not update its numbers Saturday.

The AP count is nine higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. EST Friday.

The British military has reported 74 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,131 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 879 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ One U.S. soldier was killed by a roadside bomb Saturday north of Baghdad.

■ One U.S. soldier was killed by an explosive Saturday in eastern Baghdad.

■ Two U.S. soldiers died Friday in suicide car bombings of their post near the Jordanian border.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Marine Cpl. Bryan S. Wilson, 22, Otterbein, Ind.; died Wednesday in a vehicle incident in Anbar province, assigned to 2nd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Judge rules Karpinski must testify at abuse trial

By T.A. BADGER

The Associated Press

FORT HOOD, Texas — A military judge has ordered the former commander of U.S. prisoners in Iraq to testify at the trial of a soldier who says his superiors condoned the abuse of detainees at Abu Ghraib.

The judge, Col. James Pohl, said Saturday that Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski's testimony at the trial of Sgt. Javadi Davila would be limited to conditions at Abu Ghraib and the interaction there between guards and military interrogators. Karpinski is the highest-level official ordered to testify in the scandal.

Davis has acknowledged stepping on the fingers and toes of detainees, but told investigators that military intelligence personnel appeared to approve. "We were told they had different rules," he said, according to an Army report.

Pohl's decision during a pretrial hearing came as the Navy said it was investigating new photographs obtained by The Associated Press that appear to show Navy SEALs

in Iraq sitting on hooded and handcuffed detainees.

Karpinski has denied knowing about any mistreatment of prisoners at Abu Ghraib until photographs were made public at the end of April showing hooded and naked prisoners being tormented by their U.S. captors. She was relieved of her command after abuses at the prison came to light.

In an interview with the AP, Karpinski said a "conspiracy" among top U.S. commanders left her to blame for the abuses. A report issued by an independent panel of nonmilitary experts blamed Karpinski for leadership failures that "helped set the conditions at the prison which led to the abuses."

Her attorney, Neal A. Puckett, said Saturday

afternoon that he had not been notified of Pohl's order. But he said Karpinski, who is now in the Army Reserves, gave a deposition in an earlier case.

"She's always been willing to cooperate in any investigation. There's no reason for her not to testify," he said.

Davis is among seven members of the 372nd Military Police Company charged with humiliating and assaulting prisoners at the Baghdad prison.

Pfc. Lyndie England, whose court-martial is scheduled for Jan. 18, also sought to call Karpinski as a witness, along with Vice President Dick Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. The judge in her case rejected those requests, but allowed England's attorneys to submit a deposition from Karpinski as evidence.

Davis faces charges including conspiracy to maltreat detainees, assault, dereliction of duty and lying in official statements. He has denied hurting prisoners but said he was ordered to "soften them up."

If convicted on all counts, he faces eight

years in a military prison.

Pretrial hearings at Fort Hood on Saturday for Davis and Spc. Sabina Harman were originally scheduled to begin next year in Baghdad. No reason was given for the decision to move the trials to the United States.

Paul Bergin, a lawyer representing Davis, said Saturday that his client's behavior was not unreasonable given the conditions he worked and lived under at Abu Ghraib: long hours, oppressive heat, frequent mortar attacks by insurgents and pressure from higher-ups to obtain useful information from detainees.

Asked if Davis is bearing blame for interrogation decisions made at top levels in his command, Bergin said, "That's the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth."

Bergin said a dozen detainees to tell military jurors that Davis treated them well and acted professionally. Pohl cut that number down to four.

Gen. Michael Holley and Capt. Christopher Graveline, the military prosecutors, are restricted under law from commenting on pending cases.



Karpinski

Military reviews SEALs' photos of Iraqi detainees

BY SARAH EL DEEB
The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — A former military spokesman in Iraq said Saturday new pictures showing apparent abuse of Iraqi prisoners were the acts of an isolated few but will be used by some to try to tarnish the entire U.S. military.

Gen. Mark Kimmitt, now based in Qatar, spoke on the pan-Arab television network a day after the U.S. military launched a criminal investigation into photographs that appear to show Navy SEALs in Iraq sitting on hooded and handcuffed detainees.

Other photos show what appear to be bloodied prisoners, one with a gun to his head.

The photos, found by an Associated Press reporter, were among hundreds in an album posted on a commercial photo-sharing Web site by a woman who said her husband brought them from Iraq after his tour of duty.

Some of the photos have date stamps suggesting they were taken in May 2003, which could make them the earliest evidence of possible abuse of prisoners in Iraq. The far more brutal practices photographed in Abu Ghraib prison occurred months later.

The photos were turned over to the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, which instructed the SEAL command to determine whether they show any serious crimes, said Navy Cmdr. Jeff Bender, a spokesman for the Naval Special Warfare Command in Coronado, Calif.

That investigation will determine the identities of the troops and what they were doing in the photos.

Kimmitt, the spokesman in Iraq at the time of the Abu Ghraib scandal, said he believes the photos show the acts of an isolated few.

After months of investigation,



A photo found posted on a commercial photo-sharing Web site operated by a woman who said her husband brought the photos from Iraq after his tour of duty appears to show a subject constrained by U.S. military personnel. The Navy SEALs have launched a criminal investigation into photographs that appear to show commandos sitting on hooded and handcuffed detainees.

Kimmitt said the number of U.S. military troops involved in acts of abuse has been found to be very limited.

Asked by al-Jazeera if such pictures are a problem, Kimmitt said they are a "tool" and some will try to use them to show the U.S. military in a negative light.

After outraged reaction from the Arab world to the first Abu Ghraib pictures, President Bush appeared on Arab television in May and said the torture was the act of a few.

The new photos drew strong reactions in Arab media as did the earlier ones.

"The two scandals confirm the image about the Americans known in the Middle East: that the Americans are not a charity or a humanitarian organization that is leading an experiment of democracy," said Sateh Noureddine, managing editor of the Lebanese leftist newspaper As-Safir.

Volume and variety make Balad enjoyable

Air traffic controllers at air base 'get a little bit of everything'

BY RON JENSEN
Stars and Stripes

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq — The aircraft that fly into Balad are big and small, American and foreign, slow and fast. Many can even hover in midair.

For the folks in the control tower, the activity and variety is heaven.

"There's never a dull moment," said Master Sgt. Fred Erolin, chief controller with the 332nd Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron.

A few hundred times a day, an aircraft leaves the base or arrives. It might be a lumbering C-5 Galaxy or a speedy F-16 Fighting Falcon. It might be a Chinook helicopter or an RC-130 reconnaissance plane. Or it could be a pilotless remote-control aircraft.

Shoot, it might even be an odd-looking Russian cargo plane.

"It's what makes this place that much more challenging," said Erolin, who is from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

When Sps. Erin Korich and Sps. Brett Cole arrived in March with 12 other Army air traffic controllers from Company B of the 3rd Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment at Katterbach, Germany, they were masters with helicopters but novices with fixed wing aircraft.

"We had no real life experience with fixed wing, only [during] training at the schoolhouse," said Cole. "At this point, we're probably the most experienced controllers in the Army. Nobody else deals with what we do."

After one month, month and a half before I felt completely comfortable," said Korich.

The air base serves the largest supply

hub in the Iraqi theater. Logistics Support Area Anacosta is a lifeline for nearly 140,000 troops battling insurgents in the country.

Erolin, who has worked at Air Force fighter bases, said this one tops them all for the sheer number of aircraft movements.

"It's four or five times busier," he said. But it is not just the volume, he said, that makes it such a challenging and enjoyable job for controllers. It is also the variety of aircraft.

"You're talking about different air speeds," he said. "One of the hardest jobs for a controller to do is sequence the aircraft."

If fast-moving fighters, slow Shermans and some helicopters all converge on the base at the same time, the controller has to line them up in a way that will get all down as quickly as possible.

"I've always told my people, this is not science, this is art," said Erolin, a controller for 15 years. "Air traffic control is pure art."

Of course, they are creating this art in the middle of a country wracked by war. Although the threat has been quiet lately, the base has been a bull's-eye for the enemy outside the wire with mortars and rockets.

As a result, controllers have to be on the lookout for any attempt to shoot at the aircraft coming or going outside the base perimeter.

"You have to maintain a very high level of SA, we call it — situational awareness," Erolin said.

If an aircraft gets shot at, it will take evasion action. The controller must be ready to tell the pilot if other aircraft are in the area and tell the other aircraft what has just happened, he said.

Also, because the control tower is the tallest thing for miles around on the flat desert landscape, the controllers are valuable assets in noting where mortar rounds and rockets land on base.

Controllers let the command post know if they spot a cloud of dust or smoke from an impact, Erolin said. Some have landed so close they've rattled the windows of the tower.

But, he said, "we were working aircraft still."

The equipment used in the tower is tactical gear that belongs to the Army. The soldiers from Katterbach have become the experts in the tower, having seen two Air Force rotations of controllers come and go. The flying service does four-month rotations in the theater. The Army does 12-month tours.

"These guys, they're the continuity for us," said Master Sgt. Brian Brannen, from Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. "They're the ones we go to."

Cole said, "We've trained a lot of people here."

While the controllers talked, they also moved various aircraft in and out of the base.

A C-17 left. A remote-controlled Predator surveillance aircraft landed and rolled across the runway. The Army sent off one of its C-23 Sherpas. A Russian cargo jet came in and an Air Force C-130 requested fuel before it left.

While this might be a day to remember at a base that normally sees mainly fighters or tankers or cargo aircraft, the mixed batch of aircraft didn't raise an eyebrow in Balad.

"Here," said Brannen, "you get a little bit of everything."

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Sps. Erin Korich, an air traffic controller with the 3rd Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment from Katterbach, Germany, talks to a pilot from the tower on Balad Air Base, Iraq, Army and Air Force controllers work side by side directing a variety of aircraft into the base.

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General defends Guard training at Dona Ana

BY SCOTT GOLD
Los Angeles Times

Soldiers aired concerns over preparedness and alleged mistreatment

HOUSTON — The chief of the National Guard said Friday that an informal inquiry at an Army base where soldiers have alleged they are being poorly trained found instead that they were being prepared "to be successful and survive their mis-

sion in Iraq."

"Are they finely honed and ready to go today? No," said Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, adding that he has found some problems at the Fort Bliss Training Complex, which straddles the Texas-New

Mexico Line.

"But that's why they've got more training to do."

Since soldiers at the Army's Dona Ana Range leveled their charges in a Los Angeles Times article, however, additional

guard members have come forward to reiterate the battalion's concerns.

"We're not being prepared for our mission," one sergeant said in a telephone interview Thursday night. "A lot of times we

don't even know what our mission is."

The soldiers said the training was so poor that they fear there will be needless casualties in Iraq.

Blum, who has served in the National Guard since 1968, was appointed chief by President Bush last spring. He oversees the half-million people who serve in the Army and Air National Guards.

The soldiers, members of a Modesto, Calif.-based battalion of the California Army National Guard, said they are under lockdown at Dona Ana, a former World War II prisoner-of-war camp, and are being treated more like prisoners than soldiers.

Although supportive of the war in Iraq and eager to serve, they said that they have received very little training that would prepare them for the missions they expect to face when they arrive overseas in January or February. For example, they said, they have had virtually no instruction regarding convoy protection or guarding against insurgents' roadside bombs.

At the center of their allegations is the changing role of the National Guard and reservists, who, as the war in Iraq continues, have been moved rapidly to the front lines. About 40 percent of the troops in Iraq are either National Guard soldiers or reservists.

The guard troops at Dona Ana have alleged that the military commanders do not trust them to go to war, and have implemented a two-tiered training regimen — one for them and one for their active-duty counterparts. The Army denies it, and Blum said he found no evidence of "second-class citizen stuff" after visiting Fort Bliss and Dona Ana on Thursday and Friday.

Blum said it has not been easy to change the role of the National Guard, but that he embraces its new mission.

"This country should never go to war for any reason without the National Guard," he said. "When you call up the guard, you call up America. ... Does it make it politically hard? Absolutely. It should be a hard decision to send young men and women to war."

Blum said his visit did reveal some shortcomings in the National Guard's training, but he said he believes the issues will now be addressed.

For instance, he said, commanders probably should have given the soldiers more time off; the soldiers said they received one day off before Thanksgiving since they were activated in August. And Blum said the training regimen has not been adequately explained to soldiers, leaving some with the impression that their training is substandard.

"Leadership has an obligation to explain it to the last guy in the last rank," he said.



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IN THE WORLD

Egypt releases Israeli Arab in prisoners swap

By REVITAL LEVY-STEIN

The Associated Press

EILAT, Israel — Egypt freed an Israeli Arab man convicted of spying in exchange for Israel's release of six Egyptian students Sunday, a swap that signaled a warming of relations that had been severely strained by the four-year-old Palestinian uprising.

Israel may also release Palestinian prisoners in the future, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said.

Egypt released Azzam Azzam, who was sentenced in 1997 to 15 years in prison after an Egyptian court convicted him of espionage.

At the time, Azzam ran a textile factory in Egypt, and Israel has denied he was an agent.

The case against Azzam was based, in part, on a pair of women's undergarments soaked in invisible ink allegedly found in Azzam's suitcase. Egyptian officials also claim that the women's undergarments to an Egyptian accomplice, who used the invisible ink

to pass Israel information on Egyptian factories.

Israel, in turn, released six Egyptian students who had sneaked into the country in August and were arrested on suspicion they tried to kidnap Israeli soldiers and commander a tank.

Azzam's imprisonment has been a key point of friction between Israel and Egypt, whose ties remain cool despite their 1979 peace treaty, and the students' arrest had angered many in Egypt. But Israel's relations with the Palestinians and with Egypt have been steadily improving since the death last month of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

The transfer took place at the Taba crossing between Israel and Egypt. After Azzam crossed into Israel, he was taken to a nearby airport at the Red Sea resort of Eilat. Israeli security officials who accompanied Azzam said he cried and flashed a victory sign as he emerged from the van.

Several hours later, he boarded a small military aircraft, smiling and waving before takeoff.



Azzam Azzam, an Israeli Arab accused of spying in Egypt for Israel, arrives at the court building in Cairo for a session of his trial in 1997. The convicted man, jailed since 1996, was returned to Israel in exchange for six Egyptian students.

Asked by reporters how he was, he said: "Very good. Thank you, thank you."

Azzam, 42, briefly spoke to his wife Amal, as well as to Sharon, from Eilat. "Azzam, I can't believe it's you," his wife told him, looking faint and emotional as the family cheered in the background.

Sharon said in a statement Sunday that he was considering releasing an unspecified number of Palestinian prisoners as part of the swap with Egypt. More than

7,000 Palestinians are being held by Israel.

The arrests of the six Egyptian university students — and the recent shooting deaths of three Egyptian policemen by Israelis along the border — had inflamed public sentiments in Egypt.

Israeli officials said the six crossed into Egypt after their release.

An Egyptian security official said the students may face charges in Egypt for illegally crossing the border.

Soldier threatens to blow up army depot

By The Associated Press

CHALONS-EN-CHAMPAGNE, France — Angry about being forced to retire, a French soldier held himself up in an army depot containing 60 tons of explosives and threatened to blow it up Sunday, officials said. Authorities led an evacuation of hundreds of residents from nearby villages.

The 46-year-old warrant officer seized control of the warehouse Saturday where he works near the town of Fere-Champenoise, about 60 miles east of Paris, the officials said.

Rescue workers fanned out in three valleys around the depot to escort some 400 residents beyond the safety perimeter, said Jean-Luc Guillemot, a government official in the Marne region.

Dozens of police officers blocked off a mile perimeter around the warehouse, which contains some 60 tons of explosives — mostly anti-tank mines. Officers tried to coax out the man, who was identified only by the surname Le Drohic, a military spokesman said.

UNICEF says more than 170 million children worldwide are underfed

By SADAQAT JAN

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — More than 170 million children worldwide are malnourished and 120 million never attend school, the executive director of the U.N. children's agency said Sunday, citing the critical role volunteers play in improving the lives of youths everywhere.

UNICEF chief Carol Bellamy also underlined the challenges of improving primary health care for children around the world, as she opened an international conference in the Pakistani capital to encourage volunteerism at aid agencies and in government.

"Children under the age of 5 are still dying at a rate of nearly 10 million a year from preventable causes like diarrhea, measles and acute respiratory infections," she told delegates at the conference.

More than 170 million children globally remain malnourished, and over 120 million young people, many of them girls, "never see the inside of a school," said Bellamy, who arrived in the Pakistani capital Sunday for a three-day visit to discuss cooperation in health and education projects.

Literacy rates are low in Pakistan. UNICEF estimates that three out of every 10 children aged 5 to 9 years never go to school, and dropout rates are high. Of those children who enroll, only half reach fifth grade, according to UNICEF.

Also addressing the conference, Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz invited volunteers to help Pakistan's government to fight "social challenges."

"We recognize that the government alone cannot fight against illiteracy, disease, hunger, poverty and many other challenges," he said.

"The spirit of volunteerism is at the heart of all of



Carol Bellamy, UNICEF's executive director, spoke at a conference in Islamabad, Pakistan, on Sunday, and praised volunteers, citing their critical role in helping governments and aid agencies.

our efforts to build a better future and a better future for every child," Bellamy said.

Bellamy is scheduled to hold talks with Aziz on Monday, then plans to travel to the eastern city of Lahore to meet with senior government officials on UNICEF-assisted projects in Punjab province.

UNICEF is assisting with projects in child education, health care and the protection of women's and children's rights in Pakistan, an impoverished country of about 150 million people.

5.4 magnitude quake hits western Germany

BERLIN — An earthquake struck western Germany near the French border early Sunday, but there were no reports of major damage or injuries, officials said.

The magnitude 5.4 quake, with an epicenter near the German town of Waldkirch, occurred about 2:52 a.m., Germany's geological center in Freiburg said. France's national seismological center had earlier reported that the quake had a 4.9 magnitude.

German and French authorities said hundreds of people telephoned seeking information about the tremor, but there were no reports of major damage or injuries. The earthquake could be felt in a 150-mile radius, seismologist Wolfgang Bruestle said. He said the epicenter was lucky to escape much damage.

"That is really amazing for this strength," Bruestle said.

Mine explosion kills 23 in Kazakhstan

ALMATY, Kazakhstan — Twenty-three people died and three others were injured Sunday in an explosion at a coal mine in the Karaganda region, officials said. Eighty-seven miners were working at the mine in the town of Shaktinsk about 120 miles south of the capital, Astana, when the blast occurred at 3:08 a.m., said regional administration spokesman Zhanibek Sadykanov.

Two injured miners were hospitalized and a third was released after treatment, he said.

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Rubens' paintings wow Austrian museum visitors

BY SUSANNA LOOF
The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — Visitors to Vienna's museums can't seem to get enough of Peter Paul Rubens' voluptuous art.

Three Vienna museums on Sunday opened a joint exhibit featuring more than 100 Rubens paintings. The opening coincided with the very last day of a three-month Rubens retrospective at the prestigious Albertina museum that displayed more than 160 pieces, including works on loan from places such as the Louvre and Windsor Castle.

The Albertina show was a resounding success, with about 230,000 visitors coming to see the drawings, oil sketches and paintings, spokesman Stefan Musil said. The exhibit was organized in conjunction with the Metropolitan Museum in New York, which will show parts of it starting Jan. 15.

The new, three-museum exhibit, which ends Feb. 27, could also attract more than 200,000 visitors, said Wilfried Seipel, the director of the renowned art history Kunsthistorisches Museum, which is organizing the new ex-

hibit together with the Liechtenstein Museum and the Painting Gallery of Vienna's Academy of Fine Arts.

"There's still a demand. The visitors are streaming in," Seipel said, standing contentedly in the middle of a crowd ogling the opulent paintings. "The Albertina exhibit was a good preparation for this."

The joint exhibit came about because Vienna is home to several Rubens masterpieces, making the city one of the most important Rubens cities besides Antwerp, the Flemish master's hometown in Belgium, Seipel said. Several museums across the world have put on Rubens exhibits in 2004, which has been dubbed the Rubens Year.

Rubens has a popular appeal because of "his genius and his versatility," Seipel said. "Everyone who is interested in paintings can get something out of it," he added.

Masterpieces on display include the eight-painting "The Descent into Hell" from 1634 and 1637 at the Liechtenstein Museum. Visitors to the Kunsthistorisches can admire large-scale altarpieces such as "The Infonso-

Altarpiece, while the Academy of Fine Art show focuses on oil sketches.

Visitors can choose to visit the three museums on different days, "but to view in one day is a special experience," Seipel said.

The ticket price of visitors between the museums. The discount — buying admission tickets to the three museums separately would cost appeals to Mona Kotkata, a 29-year-old art history student.

"It's a great idea, especially because of the price," she said. "Vienna museums have gotten so expensive, unfortunately. Visiting a museum shouldn't be a luxury, it's something everyone should be able to do."

But isn't there a limit to how much Rubens one can digest in one day? Not so, said Kotkata, who planned to devote her entire Sunday to Rubens by visiting not only the three museums but also the Albertina show.

"I don't think you'll get an overload; instead, you'll get a more in-depth perception of his works," she said at the second stop of her Rubens tour. "He paints superbly. He conveys the Baroque feeling, the enjoyment of life."

France considering anonymous résumés

By ELAINE GANLEY

The Associated Press

PARIS — What's in a name? A job, or at least a foot in the door, says Fatima Talbi.

Fed up with job rejections, she briefly took a new name, one that "sounds French," to test her theory that bosses give foreign-sounding names such as hers the brush-off. To her dismay, she was right.

Identifying herself as Catherine Lecomte on her résumé, Talbi — who is French — quickly got an interview after two rejections for the same job using her real name.

"I was satisfied that I could prove this, but I was disappointed to have reached that point, changing my name to get there," said 33-year-old Talbi. "It's pitiful."

In the land where "liberty, equality and fraternity" is engraved on coins, Talbi's plight is all too familiar. The discrimination does not stop at jobs. French Arab, African or Asian backgrounds who want to rent housing or even go nightclubbing often get doors slammed in their face.

To beat the bias, some in France are pushing for a unique response, perhaps uniting anywhere else in the world: Anonymous résumés. A proposal being studied by lawmakers would require companies with more than 250 employees to accept only résumés without candidates' names, sex, age, address or photograph to give all an equal chance of getting that critical first interview.

Prospects that the proposal will be legislated in parliament dimmed last week when a leading lawmaker from President Jacques Chirac's governing party, Bernard Accoyer, voiced his opposition.

But even if parliament doesn't act, France's national employment agency, known as ANPE, is launching a program at the end of January to test anonymous résumés in the Rhône-Alpes region of southeast France. ANPE, one of the world's largest insurance companies, plans to do the same.

That authorities are going to such lengths highlights failures of France's much-vaunted model of integration, which aims to assimilate immigrants by instilling in them the cultural values of their adopted country — at the expense

of ethnic ways.

Many of those facing discrimination are, like Talbi, descendants of immigrants from France's former colonies in Muslim North Africa.

Their parents crossed the Mediterranean in the 1950s to provide the manual labor the French refused to do.

France for years assumed this immigration was temporary and its policies failed to keep up with the culture. There are no firm figures on the total number of immigrants and their descendants but estimates French law forbids identifying people by their ethnic origin. But the Muslim population is estimated at 5 million, the biggest in Western Europe.

New arrivals lived in shantytowns, later upgraded to housing projects that ring major cities. Today fallen into disrepair, they are often infested with gangs and crime and breed isolation and despair.

Schools became the great lever, the instrument by which children of immigrants were meant to be fashioned into the national mold. Even today, the notion that schools can resolve deeply rooted cultural issues thrives.

This year, France began banning Muslim head scarves and other religious symbols from the classroom. Schools made little French out of little immigrants. The problem is that the French, when it's time to find a job, end up being treated like their fathers," said sociologist Philippe Bataille.

Today, it is four to five times more difficult for people from immigrant backgrounds to find work than for those of French origin, said Pascal Otheguy, deputy prefect of the Rhône-Alpes region, in charge of the ANPE project.

"We have a problem," Otheguy said. Some could realign themselves behind the push for anonymous curriculum résumés.

Within 10 years, some 40 percent of France's active population will be retiring, so companies need to be encouraged to hire more people of foreign origins, he said.

"We're going to try to use discrimination to fight discrimination," Otheguy said in a telephone interview. "It's an opportunity. The price of nonintegration is big."



Fatima Talbi, a French citizen with a foreign-sounding name, sits next to her curriculum vitae, or résumé, right, and the same one but a fake name and no picture on it in Paris. French lawmakers are studying a proposal to require companies with more than 250 employees to accept only anonymous CVs, without name, sex, age, address or photograph.

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IN THE STATES

Kean says moment for intel reform bill may have passed

BY JAMES GORDON MEEK
New York Daily News

WASHINGTON — If President Bush fails to strong-arm stubborn House Republicans into passing an intelligence reform bill this week, other elements of his agenda will also be put in jeopardy, the head of the Sept. 11 commission warns.

"Congress becomes dysfunctional if the president and Congress can't get these big issues taken care of, and then we're all in trouble," said Thomas Kean, the Republican who led the Sept. 11 investigation.

Kean, a former governor of New Jersey, said Bush might never again have as much political might behind a major piece of legislation.

"It'll be a long time before there's another bill with the support of the Republican and Democratic leadership in both Houses and the support of 80 percent of the American people in the polls," Kean told the New York Daily News.

Congress reconvenes in a rare winter session Monday, but Kean warned he fears the moment to pass the bill could be lost.

Republican leaders have raised the possibility of returning next month before the next Congress is sworn in to vote on the intelligence bill if there is a break-through.

After winning reelection, Bush said he "earned [political] capital ... and I'm going to spend it" — championing reforms of the tax code and Social Security.

But those goals might be left in doubt if Bush can't check off intelligence reform from his 2004 to-do list.

"I believe it will pass, but there's a chance it won't. It's not a slam dunk," Kean said with a heavy sigh.

Both he and Lee Hamilton, the Democrat who is vice chairman of the Sept. 11 panel, have expressed frustration over the blocking maneuvers by two House GOP leaders.

Kean's allies on Capitol Hill be-

lieve the Sept. 11 bill has fallen victim to a Republican-on-Republican political feud. It involves payback by House conservatives to Senate Republicans and the White House for rolling them on unrelated issues, he said.

"They decided to put their feet in cement and picked our bill to do it, almost to teach the President a lesson," Kean said. "That's what I'm told."

Kean admitted that the ups and downs of overhauling the entire intelligence establishment are tough to fathom.

"A lot of this has been confusing since the day the President called and asked me to do this," Kean said half-jokingly.

House Armed Services Committee Chairman Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., has opposed giving the bill a vote by claiming that Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Richard Myers fears losing control over combat support spy satellites. But Myers said last week his concern about the bill had to do with budget authorities and that "was taken care of."



Thomas Kean

Defying the House committee that oversees the Pentagon "is not easy to do if you're the Joint Chiefs chairman, and it takes a lot of gumption," Kean said, praising Myers.

Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, is pushing to deny illegal aliens driver's licenses — but aides admit he was willing to drop the issue at Bush's request in an earlier compromise agreement.

If the bill fails, Kean said, "We'll put something together next year, but it'll probably be six to nine months and won't be anywhere near as complete as this is."

Bin Laden trail gone cold, says Musharraf

BY ROBIN WRIGHT
AND PETER BAKER

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf said Saturday that the search for Osama bin Laden has gone completely cold, with no recent intelligence indicating where he and his top lieutenants are hiding.

More than three years after al-Qaida's attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon killed almost 3,000 people, Musharraf insisted that Pakistani forces are still aggressively pursuing the world's most notorious terrorist. But he acknowledged that recent security force operations and interrogations have been able to determine only one fact: that bin Laden is still alive.

"He is alive but more than that, where he is, no, it'll be just a guess and it won't have much basis," Musharraf said in an interview with Washington Post editors and reporters. President Pervez Musharraf said he was unsure whether the trail had gone cold, he said. "Yes, if you mean we don't know, from that point of view, we don't know where he is."

The United States shares major responsibility, Musharraf suggested, because the U.S.-led coalition does not have enough troops in Afghanistan, which has left "voids." The United States and its allies need to expedite training and expansion of the new Afghan army as the only viable alternative, he said.

Challenges in Afghanistan would be better dealt with "if the Afghan national army is raised faster, in more strength, so that they can reach out to fill these voids that I am talking about, where U.S. forces or coalition forces are not there," he said.

The hunt for al-Qaida is also foundering because of the diffuse array of groups under its umbrella. Pakistani forces are usually not even certain who or what factions they are pursuing in the treacherous tribal regions along its border with Afghanistan, Musharraf said, speaking shortly after a meeting with President Bush.

La. GOP, Demstrade congressional seats

BY ADAM NOSSITER
The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Republicans picked up a congressional seat in southern Louisiana on Saturday, but gave another right back to Democrats in a second, much closer runoff election that was also in Cajun country.

A longtime Democratic bastion in Louisiana's 7th District went to Republican Charles Boustany, a retired heart surgeon. With 94 percent of the precincts reporting, Boustany had 72,223 votes or 55 percent, and Democratic state Sen. Willie Landry Mount had 58,968 or 45 percent.

Farther south, Billy Tauzin III narrowly lost a race to succeed his retiring father, a Republican House of Representatives powerhouse. In the 3rd District, with 100 percent of precincts reporting, Democrat Charles Melancon had 57,609 votes, and Tauzin trailed him by barely 500 votes, with 57,092.

Louisiana has no law requiring an automatic recount of a close election. All absentee votes were included, and no clerks reported provisional ballots.

Tauzin said he was waiting for the voting machines to be opened Tuesday, but didn't anticipate a close race.

In his victory speech, Melancon said the close vote was a call for unity. In an echo of the campaign he added: "Young Billy Tauzin, at

some point in time, he's going to make a wonderful public servant."

The last bits of unfinished business from the 2004 congressional election season, both races were marked by heavy negative campaigning and light voter interest. The runoffs were necessary because none of the candidates won a 50 percent majority.

Vice President Dick Cheney and Democratic Gov. Kathleen Blanco tried to drum up enthusiasm for their candidates, but parish officials said turnout was extremely low with voters apparently turned off by a relentless barrage of attack ads.

In the 3rd District along Louisiana's swampy southern coast, Melancon, a former state representative, dethroned his 31-year-old opponent as a callow fraternity boy who was trying to inherit the seat from his 12-term incumbent father, Rep. Billy Tauzin Sr.

Tauzin returned fire, calling Melancon a liberal who has voted in favor of sex-education for small children.

Republicans poured money into the other race, where Boustany portrayed Mount, a state senator, as a tax-happy liberal. Mount, in turn, accused Boustany of favoring tax cuts for the rich and not caring enough about reforming health care.

Boustany will fill the seat being vacated by Democratic Rep. Chris John, who ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate this year.

Airliner searched for explosives

LOS ANGELES — Authorities searched an Air France airliner at Los Angeles International Airport early Saturday for explosives that disappeared during a French police training exercise at an airport outside Paris, officials said.

No explosives were found on Flight 70, which arrived late Friday after a flight from Charles de Gaulle Airport.

Three other airliners that had left Charles de Gaulle were searched at New York City's John F. Kennedy International, said Transportation Security Administration spokeswoman Nora Brewer.

Kennedy Center given \$10 million

WASHINGTON — Kennedy Center Chairman Stephen Schwarzman donated \$10 million to the arts institution Saturday, the center's largest single gift this year.

"It is important for the head of a major institution to lead by example. This is consistent with that," said Schwarzman, who made his announcement during the chairman's brunch, a major event during the whirl of activity of the Kennedy Center Honors weekend. (Warren Beatty, Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, Elton John, Joan Sutherland and John Williams are this year's honorees.)

"My wife has a real interest in the theater," Schwarzman said. "This is a way of doing something where hopefully I can please her as well as serve as a leadership gift."

From wire reports

NASCAR goes Navy



TIM PARKS/Courtesy to Stars and Stripes

2004 NASCAR Nextel Cup Champion Kurt Busch stands on the flight deck of the USS Intrepid on Friday at the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum at Pier 86 in New York City. Busch was in New York City for the NASCAR Nextel Cup Banquet held Friday night in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria, where he was presented a check for \$5.3 million.

Cyberterrorism could cripple U.S. economy, ex-CIA director warns

BY PAM EASTON

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Cyberterrorism could be the most devastating weapon of mass destruction yet and could cripple the U.S. economy, former CIA Director Robert Gates said at a terrorism conference Saturday.

Gates, who became Texas A&M University's president in 2002 about a decade after he left the CIA, cited as an example the "love bug" virus that overwhelmed computer systems around the world in 2000.

"When a teenage hacker in the Philippines overnight can wreck \$10 billion in damage to the U.S.

economy by implanting a virus, imagine what a sophisticated, well-funded effort to attack the computer base of our economy could accomplish," said Gates, addressing the two-day conference at Rice University.

He said the CIA and National Security Agency conducted an exercise six years ago, assigning 50 computer specialists to see how hard it would be to shut down the nation's electric grid. It took only two days for the group to put itself in a position to do so, he said.

"All you have to do is look at what happened in the northeast when you had a tree fall on a line in rural Ohio," he said of a blackout that affected cities from Detroit to New York last year.

Shortage of radiologists leads to overseas twist

BY LINDSEY TANNER

The Associated Press

When a patient in Altona, Pa., needs an emergency brain scan in the middle of the night, a doctor in Bangalore, India, is asked to interpret the results.

Spurred by a shortage of U.S. radiologists and an exploding demand for more sophisticated scans to diagnose scores of ailments, doctors at Altona Hospital and dozens of other American hospitals are finding that offshore outsourcing works even in medicine.

Over the past few years, the number of nighttime emergency cases was swamping Altona's seven radiologists.

"All of a sudden somebody was waking up all night to cover all this extra work," said radiologist Dr. Richard Wertz. And while that doctor was groggy, "we didn't have the luxury of that guy taking the next day off."

Using radiologists halfway around the world where it's daytime "solves that problem for us," Wertz said.

It's part of the growing telemedicine trend, with technology enabling the speedy transfer of medical data over the Internet to virtually anywhere there's a compatible computer. That means radiologists in Australia, India, Israel and Lebanon are reading scans on U.S. patients.

Despite fears from some doctors, advocates insist offshore radiology is nothing like the nightmarish vision of seedy sweatshops stealing U.S. jobs and replacing them with unqualified cheap labor. Most of the doctors are U.S.-trained and licensed — although there is at least one experienced using radiologists without U.S. training.

More typical is the Altona scenario, which involves doctors like Dr. Arjun Kalyanpur, a U.S.-licensed and credentialed radiologist, he got his postgraduate training at Yale University and runs a respected two-man service from Bangalore, India, called Teleradiology Solutions.

Images of U.S. patients' radiology scans are sent over the Internet to the Bangalore office. Radiologists there review the image, offer a preliminary diagnosis and fax back a written report — usually within about 30 minutes, Kalyanpur said.

"When Kalyanpur takes over, we all can get some sleep and really won't be tired the next day," Wertz said. Altona radiologists now read overnight scans when they arrive in the morning and make the final diagnosis.

Facing the same phenomenon, radiologists at Chicago's Swedish

Covenant Hospital hired an Australia-based company called International Teleradiology. Cora two years ago, said Dr. Bruce Silver, one of six staff radiologists. Now, U.S.-trained and licensed radiologists in Australia, Lebanon and Israel read overnight scans from Swedish Covenant.

Some call this practice "night-hawking" and one of the largest domestic companies offering such services is NightHawk Radiology, based in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The company says more than 500 U.S. hospitals now rely on its 35 radiologists — U.S.-born and trained — in Australia and Switzerland.

In recent years, demand has far exceeded the supply of U.S. radiologists. A trade journal reported earlier this year that there has been an average of four vacancies per radiology department at American academic centers in the past two years.

The use of teleradiology, including outsourcing, has improved on-call productivity and may have helped ease the shortage, radiology experts say. But worries remain.

In May, an American College of Radiology task force warned was "very concerned about the implications of overseas radiology and its potential effect on patient care in the United States."

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro (Dec. 6)	\$1.36
British pound (Dec. 6)	\$1.98
Japanese yen (Dec. 6)	\$100.00
South Korean won (Dec. 4)	\$1,018.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.37
British pound	\$1.94
Canada (Dollar)	0.73
Denmark (Krone)	6.52
Egypt (Pound)	2.52
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.34/0.74
Hungary (Forint)	184.16
Israel (Shekel)	1.48
Japan (Yen)	109.29
Kuwait (Dinar)	4.25
Malaysia (Ringgit)	1.02
Philippines (Peso)	55.86
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	1.00
Switzerland (Franc)	1.63
South Korea (Won)	109.36
Sweden (Krona)	1.34
Thailand (Baht)	38.45
Turkey (Lira)	1,408.41/0.00
(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, Netherlands and the United Kingdom.)	
(Non-military currency exchange rates, including purchasing British pounds in Germany, are based on your local money market buying facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates with your local bank's foreign buying currency. All figures are foreign dollars to U.S. dollars, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars to U.S. dollars, and the euro, which is dollars to euro.)	

PRECIOUS METALS

New York Mercile close	
Gold	\$456.00
Silver	\$7.99

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	5.00
Discount rate	3.00
Federal funds market rate	3.00
3-month bill	2.21
30-year mortgage	4.57
Source: The Associated Press, Bank of America	

Cents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Teens: Beware of ID theft

CBS MarketWatch
NEW YORK — Young people, particularly teenagers, are at a higher risk than mature folks for identity theft.

Experts at the Qwest 2004 Summit on Protecting Teens from Identity Theft found that teens tend to be more careless about sharing personal information, especially on the Internet.

So teenagers, here are some tips to help you keep your identity safe:

■ Be smart online. Since most identity theft is perpetrated on the Internet, learn about the scams out there. Don't give away personal information. Don't respond to e-mails asking for such personal information, even if they appear to be from a legitimate source. If you like to shop online, make sure you're on a secure Web site.

■ Know what can be used to steal your identity. Your Social Security number, driver's license, bank account and credit information are all important to protect. But even seemingly trivial information can give thieves

or scammers an edge. Visit www.privacyactivism.org, where the game "Carroll's Goes to College" will show you how your personal information can be manipulated.

■ Guard your personal information. Coaches, teachers, employers or other adults might ask for your Social Security number or additional personal information. Ask why it is needed, how it will be used and how the adult will protect it from theft. If you don't think the information is necessary, don't be afraid to say no.

■ Neither a borrower nor a lender be. Don't lend your driver's license, Social Security card or other form of personal identification to anyone — even your best friend.

■ Check your credit. If you have a bank account or a credit card, review your statements for irregularities every month. Ask your parents about ordering your one free credit report each year from a credit-reporting agency. The report will list all credit accounts, loans and other debts in your name.

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OPINION

Panel sees little of value in United Nations

New York Daily News

Well, Kofi Annan at least can thank his lucky stars that the United Nations' blue-ribbon reform panel did not specifically recommend that sons of sitting secretaries-general refrain from stuffing their pockets with shady oil moneys. But that's all the good news he'll find in a report that relentlessly paints Annan's United Nations as a bloated slug of a do-nothing organization that has utterly failed to be even semi-competent in any of its global missions: "The biggest source of inefficiency in our collective security institutions has simply been an unwillingness to get serious about preventing deadly violence."

"Too often, the United Nations and its member states have discriminated in responding to threats to international security."

"We have been struck once again by the glacial speed at which our institutions have responded to massive human rights violations in Darfur, Sudan."

"The nuclear nonproliferation regime is now at risk because of lack of compliance with existing commitments."

"One of the reasons why states may want

to bypass the Security Council is a lack of confidence in the quality and objectivity of its decision-making. The Council's decisions have often been less than consistent, less than persuasive and less than fully responsive to very real state and human security needs ... very often acting too late, too hesitantly or not at all."

"There is little or no expertise for tackling many of the new or emerging threats." In short, says Annan's High Level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change, the United Nations is not even dysfunctional so much as it is altogether nonfunctional. Or, to put it another way, useless.

Which comes as no large surprise, but it's one more thing Annan will have to address sooner or later, even as cries for his resignation grow more insistent amid cascades of revelations that have cast such unflattering light upon his various cronies and kin.

It's just one thing after another these days in KofiLand, what with the disclosure that Saddam Hussein ripped off the United Nations' oil-for-food program for as much as \$2.1 billion and vowed with beating to own up to the fact that young Koko Annan was paid \$150,000 or so by a contractor hired by the United Nations to



help monitor the program.

By "sooner or later," of course, we do mean "later." Speaking of glacial speed,

Annan's United Nations is not required to respond to any of the panel's harsh evaluations until September.

Report shows how leaders can make world safer

BY KOFI ANNAN

Over the last 10 years or so, the world has come much closer to agreeing on what is needed to achieve development and break the grip of extreme poverty. Three key international meetings — the U.N. Millennium Summit in 2000 and the U.N. conferences in Monterrey, Mexico, and Johannesburg, South Africa, in 2002 — have led to a remarkable degree of consensus on how to grow economies, alleviate poverty and protect the environment.

Whether we will achieve the eight "millennium development goals" we set for ourselves by the target date of 2015 is still uncertain, but at least we have agreement on what needs to be done. Regrettably, we are still some way from a similar consensus on how to make the world more secure. There, things have, if anything, gotten worse in the last few years. A moment of global solidarity against terrorism in 2001 was quickly replaced by acrimonious arguments over the war in Iraq, which turned out to be symptomatic of deeper divisions on fundamental questions.

How can we best protect ourselves against terrorism and weapons of mass destruction? When is the use of force permissible — and who should decide? Is "preventive war" sometimes justified, or is it simply aggression under another name? And, in a world that has become "unipolar," what role should the United Nations play?

Those new debates came on top of earlier ones that arose in the 1990s. Is state sovereignty an absolute principle, or does the international community have a responsibility to prevent or resolve conflicts within states — especially when they involve genocide or comparable atrocities? A year ago, hoping to find answers to such questions, I appointed a panel of 16 distinguished men and women from all parts of the world and from different fields of expertise — politi-

cal, military, diplomatic, economic, social. I asked them to assess the threats facing humanity today and recommend how we need to change, in both our policies and our institutions, to meet those threats.

Thursday, they delivered their report, "A More Secure World — Our Shared Responsibility," with 101 recommendations for forging a common response to common threats. The report reaffirms the right of states to defend themselves, including pre-emptively when an attack is imminent, and says that in "nightmare scenarios" — for instance, those combining terrorists and weapons of mass destruction — the U.N. Security Council may have to act earlier, more proactively and more decisively than in the past. And it offers guidelines to help the Security Council decide when to authorize the use of force — both in dealing with external threats and in exercising its responsibility to protect people from mass atrocities committed within the borders of a sovereign state.

No less useful is the panel's achievement in reaching a consensus on a definition of terrorism — something that U.N. members have been unable to do over the years. It may not seem like a difficult term to define, but we were stymied. Some argue that any definition must include the use of armed force against civilians by states, as

well as by private groups, and some — especially Arab and Muslim states — insisted that the definition must not override the right of peoples to resist foreign occupation.

But the panel members (including several eminent Muslim representatives) point out that international law as it stands is already clear in condemning large-scale use of force against civilians by states, and they agree "there is nothing in the fact of occupation that justifies the targeting and killing of civilians."

If governments follow their lead — as I hope they will — it will be much easier for the United Nations to develop a comprehensive counterterrorism strategy and for me to take the lead in promoting such a strategy, as the report asks me to do.

The report also contains a welter of practical proposals to prevent nuclear proliferation, improve biosecurity and make the United Nations itself more effective, notably in prevention and peace-building.

Among the most significant changes recommended is the expansion of the Security Council from 15 to 24 members — either by adding six new permanent members, without veto power, or by creating a new category of four-year, renewable seats, which would be regionally distributed.

I believe either formula would strengthen

the council's legitimacy and authority in the eyes of the world by bringing its membership closer to the realities of the 21st century — as opposed to those of 1945, when the U.N. Charter was drafted.

Above all, the report clearly spells out the interconnectedness of our age, in which the destinies of peoples and the threats they face are interwoven. Not only is a threat against one nation a threat against all, but failure to deal with one threat can undermine our defense against all the others. A major terrorist attack in the heart of the industrial world can devastate the world economy, plunging millions of people back into extreme poverty, the collapse of a state in the poorest part of the world can punch a gaping hole in our common defense against terrorism and epidemic disease.

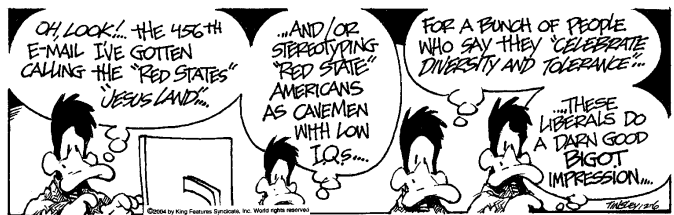
Few people could read this report and doubt that making this world more secure is a shared responsibility, as well as a shared interest.

It tells us how to do this and why we must act now. It puts the ball firmly in the court of the world's political leaders. It is for them to negotiate the details, but I strongly urge them to act on the main thrust of the recommendations.

Kofi Annan is secretary-general of the United Nations. This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



AFRTS Television Schedule

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through DECEMBER 6, 2004

	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-EUROPE)	(AFN-KOREA)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-PACIFIC)
9:00	Stanley	Movie *** "Flowers for Algernon" (2000, Dream)	Dr. Phil	Jocquelyn	The Sebelius Boys	SportsCenter	30-Minute Meals	Jocquelyn
9:30	Sagwa-Siamess Cat	Guthrie Moore, Kati Williams, Ron Rifkin	(9-46) Oprah Winfrey	Headline News	For News Watch	Tennis Davis Cup Final Round - United States vs. Spain, Singles matches, From Seattle, Spain (Taped)	Paula's Home Cooking	Headline News
10:00	Arthur (E)		(3-5) Guiding Light	ESPNNews	Bulls and Bears		Designers' Challenge	ESPNNews
10:30	Between the Lions (E)		(15-48) Oprah Winfrey	Advisory Block	Cavuto on Business		AFN Evening News	AFN Evening News
11:00	Sagwa-Siamess Cat	(10-48) Movie *** "True Grit" (1969, John Wayne, A size-eyed marshal and a Texas Ranger aid avenge a legend.	(17) General Hospital	Headline News	Without a Trace "Prodigy"	Danette NBC	The King of Queens	Without a Trace "Prodigy"
11:30	Stanley		Judge Judy	Headline News		SportsCenter	Girlfriends	
12:00	Dora the Explorer	Movie *** "The Mighty" (1998, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, A young boy imagines that they are legendary knights.	Today Billy Crystal; Countdown to Christmas.	24 "Day 3: 5:00AM - 6:00AM"	Fox and Friends		Charmed "A Witch's Tail"	24 "Day 3: 5:00AM - 6:00AM"
12:30	The Wiggles		Pacific Report	The Tonight Show	Fox and Friends	College Gameday Bowl Selection	Aly McBeal "Hope and Glory"	Pacific Report
13:00	Bob the Builder	(2-55) Movie *** "Manifest" (1998, 1998) Drama; Liam Neeson, Alan Quinn, Stephen Rea. An Irish rebel steps up the fight to break British rule.	Aladdin "Never Say Nefir"	Headline News	American Morning	College Gameday	Any Day Now "Don't Forget to Take Out Your Teeth"	Headline News
13:30	Dragon Tales (E)		Headline News	Headline News	2004 NASCAR Nextel Cup Awards Special	SportsCenter	ER "Chaos Theory"	Headline News
14:00	Blue's Clues Costume party.		Headline News	Headline News	Law & Order "Damaged Goods"	Headline News	The Late Late Show	Headline News
14:30	Barney & Friends (E)		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News	College Football Teams to Be Announced, (Taped)	The Simpsons	Dennis Miller
15:00	Funnies Home Videos		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News	College Football Teams to Be Announced, (Taped)	Everybody Loves Raymond	Dennis Miller
15:30	Full House		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News	College Football Teams to Be Announced, (Taped)	Law & Order "Teen dies after being struck by a vehicle"	Entertainment Studios.com
16:00	Polka		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News	College Football Teams to Be Announced, (Taped)	American Hot Rod "Alumnaul"	Headline News
16:30	Yu-Gi-Oh! "Mime Control"		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News	College Football Teams to Be Announced, (Taped)	Friends	Headline News
17:00	Asahil! Real Monsters		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News	College Football Teams to Be Announced, (Taped)	Friends	Headline News
17:30	Rocket Power		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News	College Football Teams to Be Announced, (Taped)	Friends	Headline News
18:00	SpongeBob SquarePants		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News	College Football Teams to Be Announced, (Taped)	Friends	Headline News
18:30	Rugrats		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News	College Football Teams to Be Announced, (Taped)	Friends	Headline News
19:00	Lizzie McGuire		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News	College Football Teams to Be Announced, (Taped)	Friends	Headline News
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20:00	Smallville "Necromus"		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News	College Football Teams to Be Announced, (Taped)	Friends	Headline News
20:30	360 Movie *** "Michael Collins" (1996, Drama) Liam Neeson, Alan Quinn, Stephen Rea. An Irish rebel steps up the fight to break British rule.		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News	College Football Teams to Be Announced, (Taped)	Friends	Headline News
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22:00	The Cosby Show		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News	College Football Teams to Be Announced, (Taped)	Friends	Headline News
22:30	Movie Improvement		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News	College Football Teams to Be Announced, (Taped)	Friends	Headline News
23:00	Touched by an Angel "Nothing but Ner"		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News	College Football Teams to Be Announced, (Taped)	Friends	Headline News
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2004

00:00	Hey Arnold!	(11-00) Movie *** "Dangerous Minds" (1995, Drama)	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	SportsCenter	Late Night With Conan O'Brien	Play With Me Sesame
00:30	Rocket Power (Part 2 of 3)	(12-34) Movie *** "No Way Out" (1997) Kevin Costner, A Pentagon job leads a Navy officer into a deadly game.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	SportsCenter	For Love or Money	Bear in the Big Blue House
1:00	SpongeBob SquarePants		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	SportsCenter	For Love or Money	Bear in the Big Blue House
1:30	Rugrats		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	SportsCenter	For Love or Money	Bear in the Big Blue House
2:00	Lizzie McGuire		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	SportsCenter	For Love or Money	Bear in the Big Blue House
2:30	Taina		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	SportsCenter	For Love or Money	Bear in the Big Blue House
3:00	Smallville "Necromus"		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	SportsCenter	For Love or Money	Bear in the Big Blue House
3:30	360 Movie *** "Michael Collins" (1996, Drama) Liam Neeson, Alan Quinn, Stephen Rea. An Irish rebel steps up the fight to break British rule.		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	SportsCenter	For Love or Money	Bear in the Big Blue House
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5:00	Sesame Street (E)		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	SportsCenter	For Love or Money	Bear in the Big Blue House
5:30	Barney & Friends (E)		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	SportsCenter	For Love or Money	Bear in the Big Blue House
6:00	Dragon Tales (E)		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	SportsCenter	For Love or Money	Bear in the Big Blue House
6:30	Bob the Builder		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	SportsCenter	For Love or Money	Bear in the Big Blue House
7:00	The Wiggles		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	SportsCenter	For Love or Money	Bear in the Big Blue House
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15:30	Full House		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	SportsCenter	For Love or Money	Bear in the Big Blue House
16:00	Polka		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	SportsCenter	For Love or Money	Bear in the Big Blue House
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'Bridget Jones' sequel faced tricky obstacle of one actor and two characters

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LOS ANGELES — For Colin Firth, playing Mr. Darcy is old hat. He first portrayed the snooty Brit in the '90s TV miniseries "Pride and Prejudice" and then as his modern reincarnation Mark Darcy in the "Bridget Jones" films. He's not as familiar, however, with playing himself.

In Helen Fielding's novel "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason," the basis for the film of the same name, the irrepressible Bridget, now a "serious" journalist, interviews her screen idol Colin Firth — coincidentally, the same actor who plays her boyfriend in the film.

The scene never made it to the screen.

"It starts to get confusing. There was never any talk of Colin Firth appearing as a character," Firth tells Zap2it.com. In fact, during contract negotiations for 1999's "Bridget Jones's Diary," he was assured that — should the sequel film ever be made — there were "no plans to fea-

ture a character named Colin Firth."

Nevertheless, director Beeban Kidron still wrestled with the dilemma when she began developing "Edge of Reason." One possible solution that was immediately discarded involved casting another actor to play the Firth character.

"We decided [that] was perhaps a little postmodern for the middle of the movie," says Kidron with a laugh.

The filmmakers even discussed casting a different celebrity as the object of Bridget's fascination, but eventually the entire episode fell by the wayside.

"We talked about it and we talked about it and we could not find a solution that didn't break the fourth wall," explains Kidron. "We could find lots of solutions ... but every time it seemed like it stopped the emo-

tional flow of the movie."

Fans still hoping to see Bridget in a starstruck stupor over the actor won't be denied completely though.

"One day after filming, I asked Renee and Colin to stay behind."

"Renee stayed in character, while Colin changed into his own clothes and came back as himself," says Kidron. "[So] we did film Renee as Bridget Jones interviewing Colin, which I've recently cut together and will go on the DVD."

The scene isn't meant to be part of the film, rather it was conceived as a stand-alone bonus.

Adds Kidron, "It was written, if not exactly as the book. There are a few treats for you in it, but I don't think I should say more."

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Springsteen pushes trade

With Santa Claus coming to town, Bruce Springsteen is hoping that holiday gifts will be purchased in the shore city of Asbury Park, N.J., where The Boss rose to fame.

Springsteen is offering 10 people a pair of tickets to his Dec. 19 show at Harry's Roadhouse, along with the opportunity to meet him. But the only way to enter the contest is to visit a shop in Asbury Park.

The contest is the latest effort by Springsteen to help local businesses, said Eileen Chapman, president of the Merchants

Guild of Asbury Park.

"Bruce has gotten on stage and listed all the merchants in Asbury Park, actually gone down the whole list and encouraged people at his concerts to shop the stores in Asbury," Chapman said.

Fans have until the end of business on Dec. 18 to enter. Winners will be notified by telephone that night. No purchase is necessary, but there is a limit of one entry per person per day at each participating store. Entrants must be 21 and older.

'Empire Falls' for sale

Hundreds of props, costumes and other items used in making the TV movie "Empire Falls" will be put up for sale next week — just in time for Christmas.

"Empire Falls," about an economically depressed mill town, was filmed last year in Waterville and Skowhegan, Maine. The

movie is scheduled to air in May on HBO.

Sale items include a pink cashmere sweater worn by Helen Hunt, painter's overalls worn by Paul Newman and silver spoons used by Newman's wife, Joanne Woodward. The auction also includes jackets and other costumes with the "Empire Falls" logo that were worn in football scenes.

The items will be sold Dec. 11-12 in the warehouse of the former Central Maine Power Co. office on Water Street, said locations manager Lynn "Kip" Kippax.

Three large gravestones will also be offered for sale.

Jonesing for Cruise, Spielberg

"Free hugs and haircuts for Tom Cruise & Steven Spielberg" read one sign outside Savior Hair as a few giggling hairdressers tried to lure the actor and director into the

salon in Naugatuck, Conn.

Cruise and Spielberg were on set filming scenes at the Uniroyal Chemical plant for "War of the Worlds,"

based on H.G. Wells' novel about an invasion from outer space.

They arrived by helicopter and landed in a secluded parking lot behind the plant. But that didn't stop fans from lingering in front of police barriers as early as 5 a.m. Friday to see if they could spot them.

"If I find Tom, I want to bring him home with me. I'll say, 'You don't need a hotel! I have plenty of room,'" said Maria Furrado, a 56-year-old grandmother.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press



Springsteen



Cruise

Pizza delivery scandal

TX FORT WORTH — A Fort Worth police officer has resigned three months after being accused of offering a pizza delivery driver a break on a traffic ticket in exchange for pizzas.

Officer David Towson, who had been on the force five years, resigned in October after administrators recommended an indefinite suspension, which is the equivalent of being fired, police Lt. Abdul Pridgen said.

Towson, who was assigned to the traffic division, was placed on restricted duty in July after a pizza driver told internal affairs investigators that Towson offered to not write her a ticket if she would take pizzas to a certain address, Pridgen said.

Subway derailment

NY NEW YORK — An F train derailed near 34th Street and Sixth Avenue near Penn Station. No injuries were reported, but 57 passengers were evacuated from the train, which jumped the track.

Transit workers had been changing a rail, but had not locked it in place, causing the fourth car of the northbound train to derail about 300 feet south of 34th Street.

Fire officials reported a small fire resulted from the derailling, which was soon brought under control.

Hospital didn't break law

IL SPRINGFIELD — The state Supreme Court ruled that a hospital did not break the law by taking a patient off life support despite the wishes of his wife, who wanted his children to have the chance to say goodbye to him first.

The wife had asked doctors to not immediately withdraw life support after they determined Joseph Collins would not live long following a fall in April 1999. The doctors didn't wait and Collins died minutes before his children arrived at the hospital.

The family sued, arguing that the hospital had a duty to allow Andrea Collins to make health care decisions after doctors determined her husband couldn't make them himself, as required by state law.

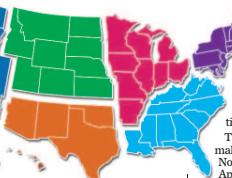
But the court ruled that because doctors didn't include their determination in the patient's medical record, the hospital had no legal obligation to name a health care surrogate.

Man released from jail

NC CHARLOTTE — A man who was accused of molesting more than a dozen children in North Carolina has been set free after 14 years behind bars because the victims recanted.

James Bernard Parker went as he walked out of a Brooklyn, N.Y., courthouse and embraced a sister he hadn't seen in 15 years. He had been given three life terms plus 60 years in prison for charges of molesting four children.

When Parker was charged in 1990, authorities said at least 19 children had been attacked in Monroe, where he lived. Police found



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no physical evidence, even though children told stories of being tied to trees and fed poisoned ice cream. They also gave a wide range of descriptions of their attacker.

After Parker was convicted in 1991, he wrote letters to several news organizations and legal groups maintaining his innocence and asking for help.

The Charlotte Observer ran stories in 2002 in which 15 reported victims and witnesses said the crimes never happened or that Parker wasn't the attacker. The only three boys who testified against Parker have since signed affidavits saying Parker didn't commit the crimes.

Lincoln artifacts sell big

CA LOS ANGELES — A unique portrait of Abraham Lincoln sold for a record \$85,000 and a copy of Robert E. Lee's farewell address to his troops went for \$70,000 at an auction of manuscripts and other historical items.

The buyers at the Bonhams & Butterfields auction were private and their identities were not disclosed.

The 16-by-19-inch Lincoln portrait, taken by Alexander Gardner on Aug. 9, 1863, is the only one known that shows the former presi-

dent sitting in a chair with his head posed on his hand. In most photographs, his hands are crossed or placed stiffly on the chair arms, said Catherine Williamson, director of books and manuscripts for the auction house.

The two-page letter is formally known as General Order No. 9 and was composed on April 10, 1865, a day after Lee signed the formal surrender of Confederate troops. It is one of the most collectible documents for Civil War buffs, Williamson said.

Teens charged with murder

AK BARROW — Two high school seniors charged with killing a cabdriver during a robbery got away with about \$100, court records show.

Now, Phillip Burnell and Dominick Lozano are in jail, held on \$250,000 bonds.

Each stands charged with second-degree murder and first-degree robbery in the shooting death of Sangkhon "Sam" Promdanglo, a former Buddhist monk driving a cab to raise money for his family in Thailand.

Barrow residents are shaking their heads in disbelief, said Ted Kiriput, a friend of the slain driver.

"It's a no-win situation for Barrow," said Kiriput, a 20-year resident of the city. "We lost one cabdriver. Now we lost two kids. I really feel bad about this because I know those families."

Mobile home explosion

OK TAHLEQUAH — A mobile home police believe might have been used as a methamphetamine lab burst into flames after an explosion, killing two adults and two children.

The parents of the children, ages 2 and 5, were at a casino at the time of the early morning fire, police said. The two men who died in the blaze were not related to the children.

Witnesses reported hearing what sounded like a gunshot or an exploding aerosol can and police said they found items at the scene that could have been used to make methamphetamine.

Nativity decoration stolen

MA QUINCY — The Patriot Ledger has offered a \$1,000 reward for information on the theft of a life-sized baby Jesus figure.

Police said the 20-inch statue was stolen from a Nativity scene at a cemetery adjacent to Quincy's city hall. Other figures in the display are screwed to the manger's base and the fiberglass Jesus was glued to its crib to deter vandals, the newspaper reported.

"It's our sincere hope that the reward will contribute to the speedy return of this symbol of the season's religious significance," Patriot Ledger Editor Chazy Dowdally said.

The \$30,000 display was paid for by Quincy's churches following a 2001 controversy over the city's placement of a Nativity display in front of city hall.



Christmas cheer

Port Charlotte, Fla., resident Julia Razka, 3, center, joins in the fun in front of a snow-making machine during the lighting of the town Christmas tree in downtown Punta Gorda, Fla.



Eating it up

Sonya Thomas, left, of Alexandria, Va., sneaks a peek at competitors Charles Hardy, center, and Ed Jarvis, right, during a meatball eating contest at Carmine's in Atlantic City.



Shooting the breeze

Bravo, a 7-month-old male cheetah cub, takes a break with CJ, a 5-month-old Anatolian shepherd puppy, at the Cincinnati Zoo in Cincinnati. The two just arrived at the zoo from Capetown, South Africa, along with another cheetah cub. Dogs are being used by shepherds in South Africa to help protect their herds from predators.



One last mow

Ron Svoboda uses his lawn mower to collect the last fall leaves during the first snowstorm of the season in Bellevue, Neb.



Graduation celebration Leah Kosareff, a biology major, gets her family's attention as she takes part in the first Cal State Bakersfield winter commencement ceremony in Bakersfield, Calif.



Story time Kiara, 5, left, and Jakiea, 5, right, laugh as they listen to Ann Romney, wife of Massachusetts' governor, not pictured, read a book at Higginson Elementary School in Boston. Gubernatorial spouses from around the nation volunteer as "Ambassadors of Reading" to lead their respective states in reading celebrations.



Snag in moving plans A house being moved is shown stuck on Fair Avenue in Marquette Township, Mich.

Video game prison ban

MO JEFFERSON CITY — Prison officials are no longer allowing Missouri's most violent criminals to have access to video games with titles such as "Hitman: Contracts."

Officials pulled 35 of more than 80 Sony PlayStation 2 games from the recreation center at the state's new maximum-security facility after being told they simulate murder, carjackings and the killing of police officers.

The games, paid for with profits from purchases at the prison canteen, included some of the most violent on the market, including "Hitman: Contracts."

Neglect alleged in death

FL BOCA RATON — A 10-month-old baby died while his parents were on a three-day crack cocaine binge that began after Thanksgiving dinner, police said.

The cause of death was not immediately clear. Sonia Thomas, 39, and Neal Anthony Bryan, 46, have been charged with child neglect.

More charges could be filed after autopsy results are available, police spokesman Jeff Kelly said.

Thomas said she could not remember when she had last fed the baby because "she was messed up on crack" and tired, the report said. It said the couple admitted smoking about \$500 worth of crack cocaine over three days.

Thomas was being held without bail. Bryan was held on \$10,000 bail.

Teacher concealed DWI

NH NASHUA — A school driving instructor convinced his co-workers to handle his on-road duties while his license remained temporarily suspended for driving while intoxicated, the school superintendent said.

Arthur Desmeules, 66, of the Nashua school district, concealed his 2003 DWI conviction, claiming his eyes were giving him trouble. Superintendent Joe Giuliano told The Union Leader in a story published.

Giuliano said he discovered the conviction "when a reporter brought him a copy of the complaint, which was on file in Manchester District Court. Desmeules lives in Manchester. Giuliano said he told Desmeules he would be fired, and he made it official in a letter to him.

Rape charges dropped

MN EMIDJI — Citing new information, a prosecutor said he will drop charges against three male Bemidji State University seniors — including a former star hockey player — who were accused of raping an 18-year-old female student while an off-duty sheriff's deputy recorded the scene on a cell phone camera.

"Facts which were unknown at the time of charging... significantly impact the ability for the state to prove criminal charges beyond a reasonable doubt," assistant Anoka County Attorney Paul Young, a special prosecutor in the case, said in a written statement.

The prosecutor also announced that charges won't be brought against Beltrami County deputy Jeffrey Andersen, 25.

Four wolves killed

AK ANCHORAGE — Private airplane pilots have gunned down the first four wolves from the air in what could be the biggest government-sponsored killing of the animals since Alaska statehood.

State game managers believe the effort, targeting more than 500 of the predators for death, should make moose and caribou more plentiful in coming years. The goal is to give hunters a better chance to fill their freezers.

Opponents say the program is unnecessary. They believe that the predator-prey balance in most of the state is within normal levels and that moose and caribou herds don't need human intervention.

Industrial accident

TX SAN ANTONIO — A man was killed in critical condition after a 1-inch-thick hook went through his skull in an accident at a heavy equipment dealership.

Wayne Gail Creek, 62, remained conscious and even spoke with rescuers after a metal hook attached to a backhoe went completely through his head at Holt Caterpillar.

Rescuers spent two hours using special welding equipment to cut him free.

He was taken to University Hospital with part of the hook still in his head.

Reindeer travel restricted

TN KNOXVILLE — Kyle Wilson's son's reindeer have been reined in for the holidays.

Wilson normally makes good money in December transporting his reindeer to Christmas events around the Southeast. But this year, states seeking to prevent the spread of chronic wasting disease — the deer-family equivalent of mad cow disease — have curtailed Dancer and Dasher's itinerary.

In Kentucky, for example, Wilson said officials stopped him at the state line and warned him there could be repercussions if he tried to attend a Santa-and-his-reindeer event there.

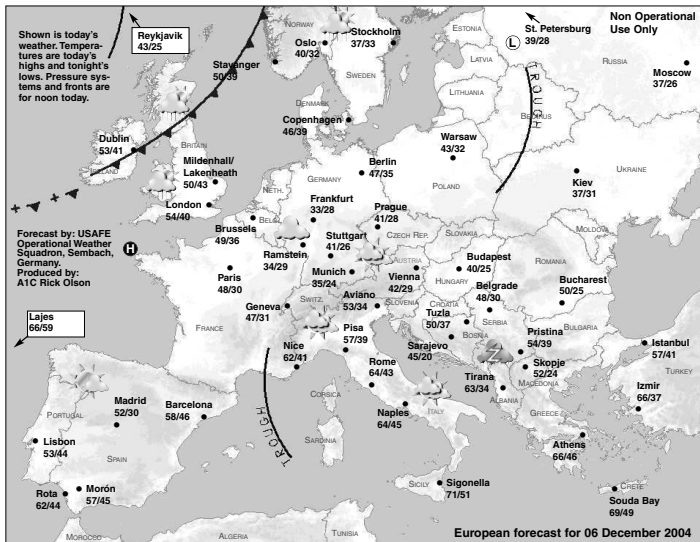
In recent years, chronic wasting disease has spread from a small region along the Colorado-Wyoming line to some Western and Midwestern states. The disease of the nervous system is contagious and incurable.

Some states are taking the threat seriously. In North Carolina, importing reindeer is banned and their travel is mostly restricted.

Bus driver fired

NY GRAND ISLAND — A Buffalo-area school bus driver lost her job because she talked to elementary school students about stem cell research, school officials said. Julianne Thompson said she was just sharing what she found to be interesting facts. School district officials said the conversation was inappropriate.

Stories and photos from wire services



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Kinshasa	86	72	Tripoli	69	44

THE WORLD

Amsterdam	49	33	Manila	85	73
Bahar	74	57	Mexico City	74	45
Beijing	46	26	Montreal	28	15
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EUROPEAN FORECAST

Benelux: Mostly cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the mid to upper 40s, Tuesday lows in the 30s.

Britain, Ireland: Mostly cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the 40s to lower 50s, Tuesday lows in the lower 40s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid-50s, Tuesday lows in the upper 30s.

France: Partly cloudy with isolated rain showers. Highs in the 40s, Tuesday lows in the 30s.

Northern Germany: Cloudy with fog. Highs in the mid-40s, Tuesday lows in the upper 20s to lower 30s.

Southern Germany: Cloudy with fog. Highs in the mid 30s, Tuesday lows in the 20s.

Hungary: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the 40s, Tuesday lows in the mid 20s.

Northern Italy: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the 50s, Tuesday lows in the upper 30s to mid 40s.

Southern Italy: Partly cloudy with isolated rain showers. Highs in the 60s, Tuesday lows in the 40s and 50s.

Kosovo: Mostly cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the mid-50s, lows in the upper 30s.

Norway: Mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers. Highs in the mid 30s, Tuesday lows in the mid to lower 20s.

Portugal, Spain: Partly cloudy with rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 50s to upper 40s, Tuesday lows in the 30s.

Turkey: Partly cloudy with isolated rain showers. Highs in the 50s, Tuesday lows in the 40s.

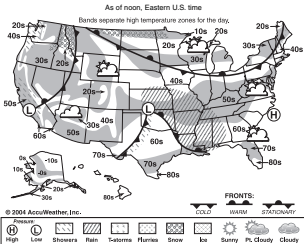
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SUN & MOON

Sunrise (Baghdad)	Today 6:55	Tomorrow 6:56
Sunrise (Frankfurt)	8:09	8:09
Sunset (Baghdad)	4:56	4:55
Sunset (Frankfurt)	4:24	4:24

New moon 12 Dec Full moon 26 Dec Last quarter 13 Jan

THE UNITED STATES OUTLOOK



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Horoscope

The moon and Big Dadda Jupiter are in Libra, the sign of justice. Strong emotions culminate around matters of fairness. Those who have held fast to a so-called "right" position will now consider that there are many versions of right and that versions which clash with their own, though inconvenient and annoying, may not be so wrong after all.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (December 6). Everyone is jealous as your brilliant plan unfolds! Deepening your relationship with your own intellect helps you understand the world better, love yourself completely and cherish loved ones openly. A career shift in January is in transition until March. A big check solidifies the change. Singles hold one relationship above all others in June.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Let's face it. Though you start out with noble intentions, by noon, you're ready to blow off your work in favor of scanning the area for new, exciting experiences. Don't fight it. A mini-adventure actually enriches your work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Make an unforgettable entrance. It's about time everyone's head turned in your direction — your sensual presence is to be admired. If you're struggling with this flattery, take a serious look at what is hurting your self-esteem.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You pride yourself on being someone with a finger on the pulse of what's hip, what's new, what's on, but today, that pulse is faint and hard to feel. Honoring a tradition or participating in a ritual gets the energy flowing again.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's difficult enough to wake up, but enduring another drool-inducing meeting is the last thing you need. If you can't get out of a situation that has "deadly boring" written all over it, at least do something mischievous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're not sure what's really going on, but it looks like a lot of work to get involved. If you must participate,

you're tempted to sulk onto the scene like a frightened child walking into unfamiliar territory. Instead, go in loud and proud.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're dealing with someone who has a social disability. When he or she clumsily steps over the line, you've got a choice: Avoid this person the future, or point out the gaffe first and then avoid this person in the future.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be made aware of a person to whom you never gave a second thought — up until now. It could even be one of those

where-have-you-been-all-my-life situations. Oh, right until your nose is all.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's easy to get nervous over the tasks that lie ahead. Make listening and empathizing your main mission, and some of those butterflies will leave your stomach. There's a reason you are the one in this situation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your interaction with loved ones has you second-guessing your approach. Is what you're planning even remotely possible? Of course it is! Listen through the negative stuff for information you can actually use.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). To say you're overextended is a liberal understatement. You're uber-extended! But that's just the kind of challenge you respond to best! Chumming around with friends will be the most enjoyable way to get motivated.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Crocodiles were once thought to wear large tears before eating their victims, thus the term "crocodile tears." You'll see a few of the insincere droplets fall today, and it's a signal to look more deeply into a situation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be making a plea for support. Remember that what everyone cares about the most is what's in for them, not what's in for you. Knowing this and catering to this side of human nature will help you create a win-win.

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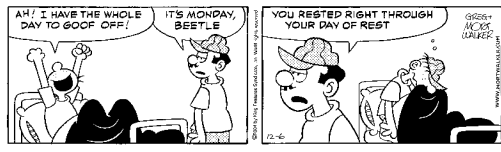
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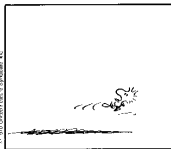
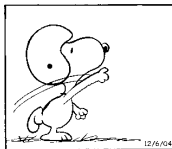
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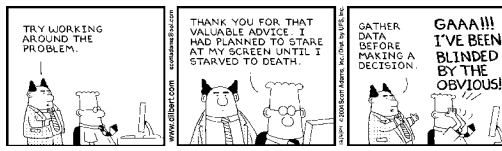
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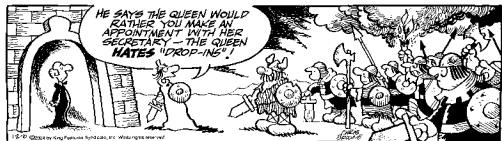
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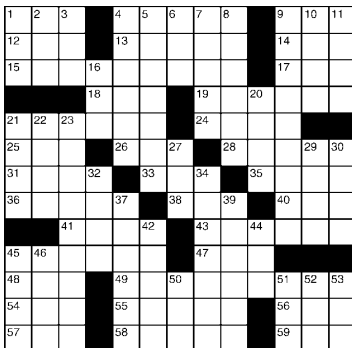
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- 17 Rangers' place
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- 19 Motes
- 21 Squandered
- 24 Fork feature
- 25 Pump up the volume
- 26 Kan. neighbor
- 28 Homebound, to
- 29 Santa Claus
- 31 Picnic hamperer
- 33 Off-bracketed word
- 35 Writer Teasdale
- 36 Crowd,
- 38 "Nonsense!"
- 40 Mongrel
- 41 Has
- 43 Bicycle attachment
- 45 Immobilize
- 47 George's brother
- 48 Actress Irving
- 49 Band in a 1984 parody
- 54 Round Table address
- 55 Dialogue
- 56 Census stat
- 57 Bake-sale org.
- 58 Bridge positions

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- 3 Acknowledge applause
- 5 Conditions
- 6 Prune
- 3 Mainlander's memento
- 4 Mr. Spielberg
- 5 Processions
- 6 Resistance unit
- 7 Friars Club event
- 8 Alley target
- 9 Kitchen-wall convenience
- 10 Cabbie
- 11 Keeps tabs on
- 16 Minutia for
- 17 Scurat
- 20 Slaughter of baseball lore
- 21 Part of a Wicked Witch costume
- 22 Oriental nursemaid
- 23 Freshwater algae genus
- 27 Clothing protector
- 29 Authentic
- 30 Rodgers partner
- 32 Salamander
- 34 Group of advisers
- 37 Strand
- 39 Annoy repeatedly
- 42 Old photo shade
- 44 Actor Mineo
- 45 Padded faster
- 46 Leave out
- 50 Officeholders
- 51 Bill
- 52 Past
- 53 Chapel seat

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF A PORCUPINE
PLAYED VOLLEYBALL, YOU'VE GOTTA THINK
HE'D BE FANTASTIC AT SPIKING.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals H

Call host on poker night extortion

Dear Abby: My friend, "Wilma," recently purchased a house with her husband, "Ken." They frequently host "poker nights" and invite quite a few other friends — and friends of friends.

Since Wilma is presently unemployed, she has instituted a new policy for the games: Everyone must donate a percentage of their winnings to the house. This has offended quite a few of the players. Many of us have offered to cancel drinks, etc., but the donation rule stands and is very much in effect.

They I add that Ken was shocked when Wilma asked for the money. How can we confront her without coming across as rude?

Dear Concerned: Why are you worried about offending someone who is extorting money from you? I don't know how many people participate in these "poker nights," but with a per-

centage of every hand going to the house, Wilma must be making a tidy sum. It shouldn't be necessary to "confront her." If I were you, I'd alternate hosting these games among the participants.

Dear Abby:



My father, who is still living, sexually abused me for six or seven years during my childhood. That was 21 years ago. I believe he has gotten help for his "problem" and won't harm anyone else, but I can't be sure.

I have talked to Dad about it, and he says he would never hurt anyone like that again, that what he did was very wrong, and he's sorry he ever hurt me.

About six years ago, another family member asked me if I had been sexually abused, and I told her not at the urging of my parents and my husband. She and I both have children.

I allow my son to stay with

Dad, but not my daughter. The other family member has a son who stays with Dad occasionally. I feel guilty for not telling her the truth. I would never forgive myself if something happened to her kids because I lied. Should I speak up and let the chips fall where they may, even though it could hurt a lot of people? Or should I just be quiet and observe? It has taken a lot of courage to write this letter, and your advice would be appreciated.

Dear Unsure: Has it occurred to you that your relative asked you that question because your father had also abused her? Asking someone if a parent has abused her (or him) is not something that ordinarily comes up in conversation for no reason. Yes, you should definitely level with her — and then listen to what she has to say. You owe it to her and the children to be honest.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Readers can e-mail to Abby on the internet at: <http://www.uxpress.com/dearabby>

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argiron



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Take time to get to know fiance

Dear Annie: I am in love with the perfect guy. We have been dating for three months and are so convinced we're perfect for each other that we've announced plans to marry soon.

Why am I writing? Well, "Monty" has been married twice before, and both marriages ended as a result of his cheating. He swears he is a changed man, and I believe him. He looks me in the eyes and tells me I am the woman he has been searching for and needing all his life, and I know it's true.

I am 30 and have never been married. I can hardly wait to have children with Monty and raise them together. He is excited, too. He is in his mid-40s and has two children who are young teens. He is active in his children's lives, and he and his ex are parenting their kids quite amicably. However, I do sense odd feelings from him each evening, but no one has said anything to me. (I did once over-hear someone say, "There goes

Annie's Mailbox



the Bill Clinton of Oregon," when we passed by.) I love Monty deeply, yet now that I write this, I have even more doubts in the back of my head. Hurry and give me a response.

— Pondering in Portland

Dear Portland: Monty sounds like a risky proposition, and the fact that you are watching your biological clock may make you feel pressured to marry. You've been dating for only three months.

Frankly, that's not enough time to get to know anyone well enough to marry.

Slow down. Knowing Monty's background, we recommend dating him exclusively for one year before making any permanent decisions.

Dear Annie: My parents are quite wealthy. Over the past seven years (I'm 25) I've worked and saved, because my parents and I feel this is a skill I need to learn. I have given up many

things I wanted in order not to run to Mom and Dad every time I was in a bind. My boyfriend, however, thinks it's OK to use my money every time we eat out because I have rich parents to fall back on and he doesn't.

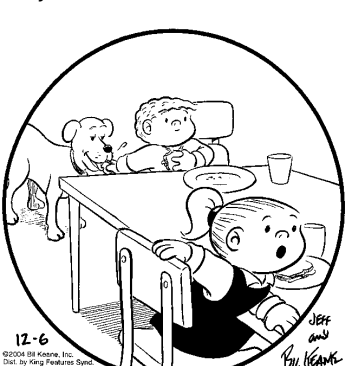
This really bothers me because I was raised to rely on no one — to work hard for what I want. I should mention that this year, I moved back to my hometown, where I haven't been able to find a job. My boyfriend works two jobs, while I am using my savings to pay for our dates.

— Bling Bling Bovie
Dear Cash Cow: We think your boyfriend is a freeloader, and if you don't straighten him out immediately, he is likely to continue. If he can't afford to help pay for your dates while you are unemployed, cook at home and rent a video. Once you are back on your feet, however, all expenses should be split between the two of you.

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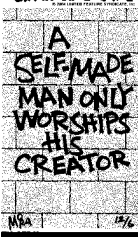


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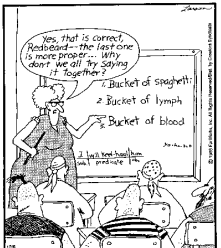
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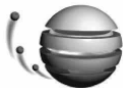
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T-wolves stop Clippers' streak at five

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LOS ANGELES — Sam Cassell scored eight of his season-high 30 points in overtime and Kevin Garnett added 22 points and 15 rebounds, helping the Minnesota Timberwolves beat the Los Angeles Clippers 107-100 Saturday night for their fifth straight victory.

Eddie Griffin had 13 points and 11 rebounds off the bench for Minnesota, while went 4-0 on its road trip and snapped the Clippers' five-game winning streak.

Corey Maggette tied a career high with 34 points for Los Angeles, but the Clippers committed 20 turnovers — seven of them in the first nine minutes against a Minnesota defense that entered the game last in the league in turnovers forced (12.6) and next-to-last in steals (5.67).

Cassell hit consecutive jumpers 40 seconds apart to give Minnesota a 96-94 edge with 2:21 left in OT. After Bobby Simmons hit one of two free throws, Griffin made a three-pointer for a four-point margin.

Mikil Moore also missed one of two at the line for the Clippers before Cassell missed a three-point shot at the other end. But Maggette tried to pass the ball through traffic, and Cassell intercepted it before going in for a driving layup for a 101-96 lead with 58 seconds to go.

Latrell Sprewell's short jumper clinched it with 31 seconds left, making the Clippers 0-3 in overtime games, all at home.

The Timberwolves have beaten the Clippers eight consecutive times, including four straight in Los Angeles.

Garnett, last season's MVP, has had at least 15 rebounds and 15 points in each of his last five games.

Cavaliers 105, Raptors 97: At Cleveland, Drew Gooden scored 27 points and LeBron James had 27, his final field goal coming on a monstrous dunk that sent the Cavaliers to a victory over the feuding Toronto Raptors, who didn't have Vince Carter.

Gooden added 15 rebounds and Zydrunas Ilgauskas had 21 points and 13 rebounds for the Cavaliers, who made their final four shots and their last six free throws in the final three minutes to put the Raptors away.

The Raptors played without Carter, who came down with food poisoning shortly after the club arrived from Boston. Carter

NBA roundup

stayed back at the hotel while his teammates tried to regroup one night after coach Sam Mitchell benched Rafer Alston and Loren Woods during the second half in Boston for picking up costly technical fouls.

Mitchell kept the pair on the bench for the start, using Matt Palacio and Jerome Moiso instead. Alston led the Raptors with 20 points and 10 assists but had six turnovers.

Nets 109, Hawks 88: At East Rutherford, N.J., Eric Williams scored 21 points and the Nets shot a season-high 54.4 percent, sending the Hawks to their ninth straight loss.

Richard Jefferson rebounded from his worst game of the season — seven points and no field goals against Washington — with 14 points, seven rebounds and seven assists. Rodney Buford, who has struggled with his shooting all season, added a season-high 18 points as New Jersey won for just the fourth time in 16 games.

Al Harrington had 17 points and Antoine Walker 15 for Atlanta.

Bobcats 107, Knicks 101: At Charlotte, N.C., Steve Smith scored 20 points and hit two clutch shots in the final three minutes as the Bobcats overcame a 4-1 point performance from Jamal Crawford.

Smith hit a contested three-pointer from the right wing with 2:29 left to break a tie, then drained a fallaway jumper with 1:52 left to put the Bobcats ahead 101-97.

Enataki Ofori added 20 points and 18 rebounds — his sixth straight double-double — while Brevin Knight had 18 assists and hit two clinching free throws with 38.8 seconds left.

Magic 96, Grizzlies 91: At Orlando, Fla., Grant Hill had 22 points and seven assists, and the Magic took advantage of Memphis' sloppiness.

Hedo Turkoglu and Steve Francis each scored 16 points, with Francis adding eight assists, five rebounds and five steals. He also had seven of the Magic's 17 turnovers. Dwight Howard blocked four shots to go with his nine points and six rebounds.

New Memphis coach Mike Fratello couldn't find Friday night's visitors

debut with another win. Undone by a season-worst 23 turnovers, the Grizzlies lost for the sixth time in seven games.

Pistons 92, Hornets 69: Ben Wallace made nine of his first 10 shots and finished with 22 points to lead visiting Detroit to an easy victory against New Orleans, which has yet to win at home in eight tries.

Wallace had 11 first-quarter points, including a pair of alley-oop dunks, as Detroit took an early double-digit lead and never looked back.

Richard Hamilton scored 21 for Detroit, which shot 54.4 percent, while Tayshaun Prince added 14. Wallace also had two blocked shots and two steals, while Rashard Wallace grabbed 10 rebounds.

Lee Na'lon led New Orleans with 18 points, 14 in the first quarter.

Wizards 95, Bulls 88: At Washington, Gilbert Arenas scored a season-high 34 points, and Larry Hughes padded his NBA lead with seven of his team's 17 steals.

The Bulls led most of the game despite committing a season-high 29 turnovers. The Bulls shot just 35 percent and were outscored 50-35, but they closed the game with a 18-9 run for their fourth straight victory and seventh in eight games.

The Wizards, who have epitomized losing for more than a decade, improved to 10-5, their best 15-game record since the 1974-75 team that started 11-4 and won a franchise record 60 games.

Mavericks 109, Jazz 86: At Dallas, Dirk Nowitzki followed up his 33-point outburst with 30 points and seven rebounds.

Nowitzki wasn't quite as sharp as he was two nights earlier in setting a franchise scoring record against Houston, but his 10-for-19 field goal shooting and 8-for-8 performance from the free throw line were good enough to send the Mavericks to their fourth victory in five games.

Jason Terry scored a season-high 19 points and added nine assists, and Jerry Stackhouse added 18 points for Dallas. Josh Howard contributed 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Matt Harpring's 22 points paced the Jazz, while he got four straight and five of six.

Rockets 77, 76ers 76: At Houston, Tracy McGrady had 17 points, including the winning basket with 25 seconds to play,



Minnesota's Sam Cassell, left, is congratulated by Latrell Sprewell after making a basket during overtime against the Los Angeles Clippers in Los Angeles on Saturday. The Timberwolves won 107-100.

as the Rockets ended a five-game losing streak.

Marc Jackson, who scored 10 of his 14 points in the fourth quarter, hit two free throws with 37 seconds left to put Philadelphia ahead 76-75. McGrady then hit a 20-foot jumper from above the left of the key to give Houston the final lead.

It was Jeff Van Gundy's 300th career coaching victory and came in his 100th game with the Rockets.

Nuggets 104, Heat 95: At Denver, Carmelo Anthony scored 28 points to surpass 2,000 for his career, and the Nuggets controlled Shaquille O'Neal with constant double-teams.

SuperSonics 99, Trail Blazers 89: At Seattle, Rashard Lewis and Vladimir Radmanovic each scored 20 points, and the SuperSonics improved to 15-3.

Warriors 104, Pacers 96: At Oakland, Calif., Michael Pietrus gave Golden State just the lift it needed, contributing 15 points and six rebounds off the bench as the Warriors ended a four-game losing streak.

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Report: Wallace's brother, Pacers' Jones among brawlers in Detroit

The Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Indiana Pacers guard Fred Jones and a brother of Detroit Pistons center Ben Wallace were identified by police as participants in last month's NBA brawl, the Detroit Free Press reported Saturday.

Videotape of the brawl shows David Wallace, 33, of Selma, Ala., in the midst of the melee at The Palace in Auburn Hills on Nov. 19, the newspaper reported, citing an unidentified source close to the police investigation.

Police Lt. James Manning told the paper it was clear from looking at the videotape that Jones was also involved.

Ben Wallace, who rejoined the Pistons on Friday in San Antonio after a six-game suspension for allegedly throwing a water bottle at Indiana forward Ron Artest, said he was unaware his brother had been identified by police.

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A woman who answered the phone at David Wallace's home Saturday said he would have no comment. Last month he denied being involved in the mayhem.

NBA spokesman Brian McIntyre did not immediately respond to a call seeking comment Saturday.

The fight among spectators and players broke out after an on-court dispute over a foul. A fan hurled a drink at Artest, who then charged into the stands, and other Pacers players and fans joined the melee. Several people, including a police officer, were hit with a chair.

Hornets get exemption to put Magloire on injured list

NEW ORLEANS — The Hornets received an exemption to put

Jamaal Magloire on the injured list. The center will be sidelined three months with a broken right ring finger.

New Orleans also signed 6-foot-9 forward Corsley Edwards from the Continental Basketball Association.

The injured list is generally restricted to three players.

Magloire joins Baron Davis, who has an inflamed disc in his lower back; Jamal Mashburn, who has an irritated right kneecap; and Rodney Rogers, who has a sprained left knee.

Bobcats waive guard House

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Charlotte Bobcats waived reserve guard Eddie House on Saturday, hours after he missed a victory over New York due to what coach Bernie Bickerstaff called an excusable absence.

House started five games and averaged 11.1 points in 23 minutes.

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Wake wins in last gasp as No. 1

Demon Deacons' loss at Illinois clears the way for No. 2 Kansas

The Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Eric Williams scored 21 points Saturday and No. 1 Wake Forest bounced back from its first loss to beat Richmond 90-73.

Justin Gray scored 18 of his 22 points in the first half for the Demon Deacons (6-1), coming off a lopsided 91-73 loss at Illinois that almost certainly will cost them the No. 1 ranking next week.

Wake Forest led throughout against the Spiders, shooting 53 percent and playing improved defense before heading into a nine-day break for final exams.

Jermaine Bucknor scored 14 points to lead the Spiders (3-2). Kevin Steenberger, Richmond's leading scorer at 18 points per game, managed just four points and wasn't a factor.

No. 2 Kansas 81, Pacific 70: At Lawrence, Kan., Keith Langford had 21 points and seven assists and Wayne Simien had 12 points and 15 rebounds as Kansas (4-0) beat scrappy Pacific (2-1).

Aaron Miles had eight assists and 19 points for the Jayhawks. Christie Marable had 22 points as the Tigers kept it close by scoring on six straight possessions before Miles made a steal with 1:10 to go.

No. 3 Syracuse 68, Colgate 55: At Syracuse, N.Y., Hakim Warrick scored 23 points and Terrence Robinson scored six of his 13 points during a decisive second-half spurt to help Syracuse (7-0) beat Colgate for the 39th straight time.

After Colgate's Jon Simon hit a runner in the lane as the shot-clock buzzer sounded at 10:42 to tie the game at 44-44, Roberts and Warrick led the Orange on a 13-1 run that sealed it.



Kansas's Keith Langford (5) tries to dribble past Pacific defender David Doubly during the first half of Saturday's game. Kansas won 81-70.

No. 5 Illinois 72, Arkansas 60: At North Little Rock, Ark., Roger Powell scored 19 points and Dee Brown and Deron Williams added 13 each, helping Illinois overcome a sluggish offense and poor free throw shooting.

The Illini (6-0) rarely looked like the team that beat top-ranked Wake Forest by 18 Wednesday night. Illinois was playing its first game in front of a hostile crowd and, while never rattled, committed more than twice the number of turnovers as it did against the Demon Deacons.

The Razorbacks (5-1) were hurt by poor shooting after closing the gap to 57-53 with 7:47 left.

No. 6 Oklahoma St. 81, Washington St. 29: At Stillwater, Okla., John Lucas III and Joey Graham combined to outscore Washington State and Oklahoma State (5-0) gave coach Eddie Sutton his 760th victory, eighth on the career victory list.

The offensive performance by Washington State was one of the worst since the three-point shot was introduced in 1986-87. Georgia

Southern scored a record-low 21 in a 40-point loss to Coastal Carolina on Jan. 2, 1997.

No. 7 Connecticut 74, Indiana 69: At Hartford, Conn., Rashad Anderson scored 17 points and Rudy Gay had 10 rebounds to rally Connecticut (3-0) past Indiana (2-2). Reserve freshman guard Antonio Kellogg ignited a 17-1 second-half run that erased a 31-point deficit.

No. 10 Duke 93, Valparaiso 61: At Chicago, J.J. Redick scored 26 points and Duke (5-0) used a smothering defense to rout Valparaiso and give coach Mike Krzyzewski his 699th career win. Playing in Krzyzewski's hometown, the Blue Devils took control midway through the first half with a 20-4 run and sailed from there. Duke forced 18 first-half turnovers and built a 48-26 lead.

George Washington 96, No. 11 Michigan St. 83: At Washington, D.C., Pops Mensah-Bonsu scored 23 points and George Washington forced Michigan State (3-2) into 22 turnovers.

No. 12 Maryland 78, George

Mason 54: At Washington, D.C., Chris McCray and Nik Caner-Medley each scored 20 points and Maryland (4-1) limited George Mason to four first-half baskets to advance to the championship game of the BB&T Classic against George Washington.

No. 13 Pittsburgh 87, Duquesne 57: At Pittsburgh, Chris Taft had 16 points, Chevon Turner added 15 points and 11 rebounds and Carl Krauser scored 15 as Pitt reached 5-0 for the fifth straight season.

No. 17 Louisville 98, Lafayette 62: At Louisville, Francisco Garcia scored 25 points and Ellis Myles had 16 rebounds to lead Louisville (4-1).

No. 18 Texas 70, Seton Hall 60: At East Rutherford, N.J., freshman Daniel Gibson scored 15 points and Texas (5-1) beat Seton Hall despite its worst three-point effort of the season. Texas, averaging 10 baskets and shooting 50 percent from behind the arc, missed 11 of 17 against Seton Hall (2-2).

Miami 72, No. 19 Florida 65: At Gainesville, Fla., Anthony Harris scored 18 of his 23 points in the second half as Miami (3-2) gave, first-year coach Frank Haith his biggest victory.

Guillermo Diaz and Robert Hite added 16 apiece for the Hurricanes. Anthony Robinson had 20 points for Florida (4-1).

Michigan 61, No. 20 Notre Dame 60: At Ann Arbor, Mich., Daniel Horton's three-point play with 20.7 seconds to go ended a three-game losing streak for Michigan (4-3).

No. 22 Alabama 102, Charlotte 101 (30T): At Charlotte, N.C., Kennedy Winston scored a 33 points and hit a 16-foot jumper with 20.5 seconds left in the third overtime as Alabama (6-1) held off Charlotte (3-2).

No. 23 Iowa 83, UNC-Greensboro 58: At Iowa City, Iowa, Pierre Pierce and Adam Haluska scored 17 points apiece and Iowa (6-1) won its Hawkeye Challenge.

No. 25 Wisconsin 70, Rutgers 62: At Piscataway, N.J., senior forward Mike Wilkinson hit 10 of 14 shots and scored a career-high 26 points as Wisconsin (4-1) handed Rutgers.

Tar Heels too much for young Kentucky

By KEITH PARSONS
The Associated Press

CHAPLAIN, N.C. — Jawad Williams found himself in the right place at the right time, with a stern message from assistant Steve Robinson fresh in his mind. "Coach Robinson summed me out for not playing hard," Williams said with a smile. "He gave me a little extra motivation."

Soon after the tongue-lashing, Williams tipped in a miss to thwart a second-half rally by Kentucky, helping No. 9 North Carolina beat the No. 8 Wildcats 91-78 Saturday in a game between the two winning programs in college basketball history.

Rashad McCants had 20 of his 28 points in the first half and Sean May scored 11 of his 14 in the first eight minutes of the second, but Williams' basket was equally important. The Wildcats had trimmed what was a 17-point deficit to seven on a three-pointer by Bobby Perry with about 4 minutes left.

Raymond Felton missed a three-pointer for the Tar Heels, and Williams timed his leap perfectly to give North Carolina (6-1) an 81-78 lead. May made a free throw and McCants added two, and Kentucky got no closer than eight thereafter.

Williams scored 19 points and May had 19 rebounds for the Tar Heels, who outrebounced Kentucky 51-30.

"I can't say enough about Sean May," Tar Heels coach Roy Williams said. "You know, he had nine rebounds in the first half, just dominating on the boards, and then he turned around in the second half and got 10."

Williams had 24 points for the Wildcats (4-1), and Joe Crawford finished with 11. Leading scorer Chuck Hayes, saddled with foul trouble, didn't score until the second half and had only four points.

"They dominated us in every phase," Hayes said. "They played great, and we didn't."

These two powers have played since 1923-24 — Kentucky leads the career victory list 1,880-1,833 — and the recent history has belonged to the Wildcats. They have won four straight since the series was revived in 2000, including a 61-56 decision last season in Lexington.

With two freshmen starters and two more freshmen who feature prominently in the rotation, Kentucky got back in the game from long range. Crawford made a three-pointer, then Ravi Moss and Perry added key or consecutive possessions to get Kentucky within 79-72.

It could have gotten even closer after the Wildcats forced a shot clock violation, but Perry shot an air ball on a leaner from the baseline and Williams responded with his putback to seal it.

Balanced Ohio tops Navy; Army beaten

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Ohio — Leon Williams scored 16 points to pace four players in double figures in Ohio's 90-55 victory over Navy on Saturday.

Diamond Gladney and Sonny Troutman each had 12 points and Tim Conrath had 10 for the Bobcats, who are 3-0 for the first time since 2001.

Ohio, which never trailed, turned 32 Navy turnovers into 33 points. The Bobcats used 13 players and each played for at least nine minutes.

David Hooper came off the bench to score 15 points for Navy

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(3-3), which shot 40 percent from the field. No. 9 Navy player scored more than six points. The Midshipmen had just seven field goals in the first half while Ohio shot 52 percent from the field in building a 44-22 margin at intermission.

The Bobcats owned a 46-18 advantage in points inside and also made 18 of 22 free throws. Hooper connected on three three-pointers in six attempts.

St. Francis, N.Y., 78, Army 64: At New York, Tristin Smith

made all five of his three-point attempts on the way to scoring 26 points in his debut with St. Francis. Smith transferred to St. Francis from St. John's.

Nick Jones, who made six of six attempts from three-point range, followed with 17 points for St. Francis (2-2). The Terriers, who pulled away from a 34-34 tie at halftime, finished with 15 three-pointers in 29 attempts.

Matt Bell scored 22 points to top the Black Knights (1-5) and Cory Sinning added 14.

Ball had five points as Army took an 11-2 lead and Luke Slater's basket pushed the Black Knights' advantage to 29-17 at

6:35 of the first half. Devon Neckles scored four points during a 12-0 run that got the Terriers even 29-29 with 4:33 remaining before halftime.

Bell's layup at 16:50 of the second half pushed Army into a 38-38 tie, its last before St. Francis took control with an 18-6 spur. Smith had nine points during the run as the Terriers built a 56-44 advantage with 11:50 to play.

Army got within 56-49 when Ryan Wallace made two free throws.

After the teams exchanged baskets, Smith scored five points to lead a 15-0 run that made it 73-51 with 3:37 remaining.

Virginia Tech claims ACC title, BCS berth

Hokies defeat fellow newcomer Miami, earn likely trip to Sugar Bowl

BY TIM REYNOLDS

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Bryan Randall grabbed a set of Mardi Gras beads and waved them aloft, while his teammates exalted in the prospect of a trip to New Orleans.

The Hokies beat Miami for the second straight year — and a Bowl Championship Series spot, one that Virginia Tech let slip away by collapsing down the stretch a year ago, is the reward. Randall threw two touchdown passes, including a 39-yard strike to Eddie Royal that Virginia Tech ahead to stay in its 16-10 victory over the Hurricanes on Saturday.

The Hokies capped their first Atlantic Coast Conference season by winning the league title.

No. 10 Virginia Tech (10-2, 7-1)

will learn Sunday to which BCS bowl it's headed; the likely choice is the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 3 in New Orleans, Miami — which was bidding for a fifth straight BCS berth — will play Florida in the Peach Bowl on New Year's Eve.

"To come into this great stadium, against a great football team and to be able to hold on and win the ACC outright is a special feeling for us," Hokies coach Frank Beamer said. "It was their time. Things bounced our way, but I think we made things bounce our way."

The ninth-ranked Hurricanes (8-5, 5-3) talked volumes about averaging last year's humbling 31-7 loss in Blacksburg and making Virginia Tech pay for waving an "ACC Champions" sign on its sideline following last week's victory against Virginia that clinched a share of the conference crown.

Miami came up empty on all counts, and lost its home finale for just the second time since 1985.

"We've got the ACC all by ourselves," said Randall, who completed 11 of 18 passes for 148 yards. "There's no question who the champions are, who's the better team or who should have won this game."

Virginia Tech entered the game with the ACC's top scoring defense, and thoroughly frustrated Miami's offense. Miami quarterback Brock Berlin completed 16 of 31 passes for 139 yards — 98 off his season average. And the Hurricanes managed only 51 yards rushing on 22 attempts.

"We weren't able to run the ball effectively or pass the ball effectively... We just didn't do enough things to allow ourselves to win the football game," Miami coach Larry Coker said.

Cedric Humes added 110 rushing yards for the Hokies, who were picked to finish sixth in the ACC before the season and won their final eight games to cap a surprising title run. They also beat Miami for the seventh time in the seven meetings.

"It just seemed that we would get something and get pushed back, get something again and get pushed back," Berlin said. "We hurt ourselves."

Berlin threw to Talib Humphrey for 24 yards on Miami's first play; the Hurricanes wouldn't have another play exceeding 17 yards all afternoon. Miami finished with 190 yards, only 110 coming in the final three quarters, plus a season-low seven first downs.

No perfect ending for 12-0 Auburn

No. 3 Tigers beat Vols for SEC championship but look like odd men out in national title picture

BY PAUL NEWBERRY

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Take that, pollsters and computers. The team most likely to be left out of the national championship game has a trophy of its own.

For Auburn, that will probably have to do.

Jason Campbell threw for three touchdowns and accounted for more than 400 yards, leading the No. 3 Tigers to a 38-28 victory over 15th-ranked Tennessee in the SEC championship game Saturday night.

Despite being 12-0 for the first time in school history, Auburn appears to be the odd team out in another Bowl Championship Series mess.

"If we don't get a shot at playing for the national championship, sure, there will be some hard feelings," Campbell said. "But they can't take away what this team did this year."

Not that the Tigers passed up the chance to get in some last-minute lobbying.

"We definitely deserve a chance to play for the national championship," Campbell said. "We've done all we can do. We've done what we people asked."

No. 1 Southern California also finished 12-0 by holding off UCLA 29-24 earlier Saturday. No. 2 Oklahoma (12-0) did nothing to hurt its standing, coasting to a 42-3 victory over Colorado in a Big 12 title game that ended after the Tigers had celebrated their first SEC championship since 1989.

"When you go 12-0 in the SEC, there's no doubt in my mind you should play in the dance — and that's the Orange Bowl," Auburn safety Junior Rosegreen said. "Everyone in the world knows we were the fourth best we've been through it all, and we came out on top."



Auburn's Courtney Taylor (86) breaks the tackle of Tennessee's Jonathan Hefney after a reception on the first play of the Southeastern Conference championship game at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta on Saturday. Auburn won 38-28 to improve to 12-0 this season.

Even so, Auburn is expected to get twice-beaten Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl — not USC or Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl.

Those teams led the BCS standings, and only a major change of heart from the poll voters or a short-circuiting of the computers will keep the Trojans and Sooners from playing for another disputed national championship.

"This is a true team, from top to bottom," said Auburn coach

Tommy Tuberville, capping his own remarkable comeback from nearly getting fired a year ago, as just hope everyone will be fair when they vote tonight. I know we'll get at least one first-place vote" in the coaches poll.

Campbell, the game's MVP, did all he could to get the Tigers to Miami. He completed 27 of 35 for 374 yards, the first 300-yard passing game of his career. He also rushed for 57 yards, setting

an SEC championship game record with 431 yards total offense.

Tennessee (9-3), which will set for a trip to the Cotton Bowl, played much better than its first meeting against Auburn. The Volunteers were embarrassed on their home field, committing six turnovers in a 34-10 loss in early October.

With third-string Rick Clausen at quarterback because of injuries, the Volunteers rallied to tie his game at 21 on Gerald Riggs Jr.'s 80-yard touchdown run in the third quarter. Then, Tennessee pulled to 31-28 with just over 10 minutes remaining when Riggs rumbled for a 9-yard TD.

But Campbell would not be denied. He finished off the Volunteers with his final touchdown, a 43-yard pass to Ben Obamunwa with 6:56 remaining.

Tennessee might have pulled off the upset if not for three crucial penalties. Cedric Humes had a 70-yard touchdown run wiped out by a yellow flag, and a holding call negated a 44-yard pass from Clausen to Robert Meachem.

Also, Campbell threw a 53-yard scoring pass to Devin Armonshoud — putting the Tigers ahead to stay late in the third quarter — after an interference penalty on Roshawn Fellows ended the drive.

Tennessee was livid about the calls.

"In 13 years, I've never criticized the officials, and many times I've taken up for the officials," Fulmer said. "I'm not going to cross that line now, but I'll be real anxious to see the film. That's all I'm going to say."

Riggs gained 182 yards on just 11 carries, the first runner in 17 games to surpass 100 yards against the fearsome Auburn defense.

Bowl Glance

Tuesday, Dec. 14 New Orleans Bowl Payoff: \$750,000 North Texas (7-5) vs. Southern Mississippi (6-4)	Tuesday, Dec. 21 Champs Sports Bowl At Orlando, Fla. Payoff: \$850,000 Georgia Tech (9-3) vs. Miami (9-3) Wednesday, Dec. 22 Payoff: \$750,000 Miami, Fla. Memphis (8-2) vs. Bowling Green (8-3)	Thursday, Dec. 23 For Worth Bowl Payoff: \$750,000 Cincinnati (7-5) vs. Miami (9-3) Las Vegas Bowl Payoff: \$750,000 Las Vegas (6-5) vs. Pac-10 No. 4/5 Wyoming (6-5)	Friday, Dec. 24 Hawaii Bowl Payoff: \$750,000 UAB (7-4) vs. WAC Blue-Gray Classic Payoff: \$750,000 Blue vs. Gray	Monday, Dec. 27 MPC Computers Bowl Payoff: \$750,000 Fresno State (7-5) vs. Michigan (9-3) Motor City Bowl At Detroit, Mich. Payoff: \$750,000 Toledo (9-3) vs. Connecticut (7-4)	Tuesday, Dec. 28 Independence Bowl Payoff: \$750,000 Baylor (9-3) vs. Wake Forest (7-5) Big 12 vs. TD	Insight Bowl At Phoenix Payoff: \$750,000 Pac-10 No. 4/5 vs. Notre Dame (6-5) Wednesday, Dec. 29 Houston Bowl Payoff: \$1.1 million Texas-El Paso (6-3) vs. Big 12 Alamo Bowl At San Antonio Payoff: \$1.5 million Ohio State (7-4) vs. Big 12 No. 4	Thursday, Dec. 30 Continental Tire Bowl At Charlotte, N.C. Payoff: \$750,000 Boston College (9-3) vs. North Carolina (6-5)	Emerald Bowl At San Francisco Payoff: \$750,000 New Mexico (7-4) vs. Navy (9-2) Holiday Bowl At San Diego Payoff: \$2 million Pac-10 No. 2 vs. Big 12 No. 3	Silicon Valley Classic At San Jose, Calif. Payoff: \$750,000 WAC vs. MAC	Friday, Dec. 31 Musky City Bowl At Nashville, Tenn. Payoff: \$750,000 SEC vs. Minn.	Sun Bowl At El Paso, Texas Payoff: \$1.5 million Purdue (7-4) vs. Pac-10 No. 3	Liberty Bowl At Memphis, Tenn. Payoff: \$1.5 million Boise State (11-0) vs. Louisville (9-1)	Peach Bowl At Atlanta Payoff: \$2.2 million ACC No. 3 vs. Florida (7-4)	Saturday, Jan. 1 Cotton Bowl At Dallas Payoff: \$1 million SEC vs. Big 12 No. 2	Outback Bowl At Tampa, Fla. Payoff: \$2.2 million Wisconsin (9-2) vs. Georgia (9-2)	Capital One Bowl At Jacksonville, Fla. Payoff: \$1.5 million Florida State (6-3) vs. West Virginia (9-3)	Capital One Bowl At Orlando, Fla. Payoff: \$5.187 million Iowa (9-2) vs. SEC	Rose Bowl At Pasadena, Calif. Payoff: \$14.5 million Michigan (9-2) vs. Pac-10 champion or TBA	Fiesta Bowl At Salt Lake City Payoff: \$1.1 million BCS vs. BCS	Monday, Jan. 3 Sugar Bowl At New Orleans Payoff: \$11-14 million BCS vs. BCS	Tuesday, Jan. 4 Orange Bowl At Miami Payoff: \$14.5 million BCS1 vs. BCS2	Thursday, Jan. 15 Gridiron Classic At The Villages, Fla. North vs. South East-West Shrine Classic At San Francisco East vs. West	Saturday, Jan. 22 Hula Bowl At Honolulu Ala. vs. Kal.	Saturday, Jan. 29 Senior Bowl At Mobile, Ala.	North vs. South
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USC (Undefeated, Seeks Championship)

Top-ranked Trojans handle feisty Bruins to set up showdown with No. 2 Sooners

By JOHN NADEL

The Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — Southern California has reached all its goals to this point. All that the Trojans were pushed by cross-town rival UCLA, they made sure they'll get a shot at the one that remains.

Reggie Bush had two long touchdown runs, Ryan Kilien kicked five field goals and No. 1 USC held off the Bruins 29-24 Saturday to virtually lock up an Orange Bowl bid to play for the Bowl Championship Series title.

"They started No. 1 and finished No. 1," Keith Trumble, chief executive officer of the Orange Bowl, said. "It's not official, but you can draw the conclusions. It's 99.9 percent certain for them. USC knows how to finish. It's the sign of a champion."

Moments after the game, USC fans in both end zones tossed oranges onto the field as the Trojans celebrated. Bush climbed the band director's ladder near the south end zone, waved a Trojan sword and held a sign reading, "No. 1, Trojans Orange Bowl-bound."

It wasn't USC's best performance — and Heisman Trophy contender Matt Leinart was held in check — but it should be enough.

Final BCS standings and bowl pairings were to be announced Sunday. As Trumble pointed out, the Trojans (12-0, 8-0 Pac-10) have been ranked No. 1 all season in The Associated Press and coaches polls and, most importantly, the BCS standings. "I don't see how they couldn't take us," Leinart said. "We're in great position, and I think they're crazy to keep us out."

USC was left out last year, when it finished out both polls after the regular season but was third in the final BCS standings. The Trojans won the AP national championship and LSU beat Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl to win the BCS title.



USC's Reggie Bush is off on a 35-yard gain in the fourth quarter, part of his 204-yard, two-touchdown effort that helped the top-ranked Trojans beat UCLA 29-24 Saturday.

"We'll find out tomorrow," USC coach Pete Carroll said. "We've done everything we could do, regardless of how it turns out. Going wire to wire is challenging. Whether it's the Orange Bowl or not, I don't know. I don't really care. I just enjoyed today."

The Trojans completed the fifth perfect regular season in school history and first since 1972, when they won the national championship. It also was USC's 15th straight Pac-10 triumph and 21st consecutive victory overall. The Trojans have won 32 of their last 33 games.

Bush gained a career-high 204 yards on 15 carries — most on a 65-yard touchdown run on the game's second play and an 81-yard dash midway through the second quarter.

It was just the second game in which the explosive sophomore has rushed for more

than 100 yards. He also had six receptions for 73 yards.

"I think I might have shaken up the votes a little bit," he said, referring to the Heisman balloting.

Bush's candidacy seemed to waver in recent weeks, mainly because he doesn't have the numbers of such leading contenders as Leinart, the junior left-hander who completed his first 10 passes for 64 yards. He wound up 24-for-34 for 242 yards with one interception and no touchdowns — the first time in 25 career starts he has failed to throw at least one TD pass. USC is 24-1 in his starts.

"He (Bush) was huge returning the ball, running the ball and catching the ball," Leinart said. "We weren't able to put a lot of points up. They did a good job defensively, but we have so many weapons."

Carroll became the first Trojans coach to beat Notre Dame and UCLA — USC's biggest rivals — in three straight seasons.

USC has beaten the Bruins six straight times — its longest winning streak in the series, which they lead 49-27-7.

"I'm disappointed about today, but I'm excited about our future," second-year UCLA coach Karl Dorrell said. "It wasn't our best effort. But you know what? I'll take it against the best team in the country."

Drew Olson completed 20 of 34 passes for 278 yards and one touchdown with two interceptions for UCLA (6-5, 4-4), which will play in the Insight Bowl or the Las Vegas Bowl. The Bruins were limited to 17 yards on 25 rushes.

"This effort did not make our season. If we had won, it would have," UCLA receiver Tab Perry.

On Bush's first scoring run, he faked out Matt Clark near the UCLA 10 before consulting into the end zone and spiking the ball to draw an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

Kilien's 37-yard field goal on USC's second possession made it 10-0, and it appeared the rout was on.

It wasn't.

Craig Bragg's school-record 96-yard punt return early in the second quarter cut USC's lead to 10-7. Bragg broke Kermit Alexander's 43-year-old record by two yards.

The Bruins then blew an opportunity after Chris Horton blocked Tom Malone's punt, giving UCLA the ball at the USC 19. But the Bruins held, and Justin Medlock missed a 39-yard field goal.

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"I have no advice in terms of stopping him," Dorrell said. "No one has been able to stop him yet. Good luck."

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The Bruins got one final chance when Spencer Havner recovered a fumble by Bush at the UCLA 14 with 53 seconds left, but Jason Leach intercepted Olson's pass on the next play.

Second-ranked Oklahoma OK — and then some

Sooners slam Colorado 42-13 in Big 12 title game, await Orange Bowl invitation

By EDDIE PELLIS

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Munching on an orange after the game, Oklahoma tailback Adrian Peterson had a pretty good idea of where the Sooners are heading next.

Oklahoma made its Orange Bowl invitation a no-brainer Saturday night, getting three touchdown passes from Jason White and three rushing TDs from Peterson in a near-flawless 42-13 dismantling of Colorado in the Big 12 title game.

Next, barring some kind of massive mud-up, comes a trip to Miami where No. 2 Oklahoma (12-0) will play for its eighth national title, most likely against No. 1 Southern California.

"This whole season, we played hard, finished games," Peterson said. "I'm not saying we made a statement today, but we went out and busted our butts for four quarters."

Both USC and No. 3 Auburn, the other national-title wannabe, also took care of

business Saturday. The Trojans defeated UCLA 29-24 and the Tigers beat No. 15 Tennessee 38-28.

But neither contender was anywhere near as impressive as coach Bob Stoops' Sooners.

"There aren't any parts missing, I don't believe," Stoops said. "You see it all the way through. The offense has the ability to make plays running or throwing. The defense has been good, and fortunately, we did it at the right time."

White finished with 254 yards and three for all his touchdowns over the first 15:07. Two went to Mark Clayton, who made a sweet, reaching, fingertip catch on the second of a 21-0 lead. Clayton finished with eight catches for 106 yards.

Peterson surpassed the century mark in the second quarter for his 11th 100-yard rushing game, an NCAA record for a freshman. He finished with 172 yards and saved the best for last, breaking six tackles for a darting, spinning 32-yard score and a 42-3 lead. That touchdown prompted Sooners

fans to start throwing oranges onto the field — a tradition like no other.

Peterson and White did the Heisman voters no favors; they entered the weekend as two presumed favorites, and leave it just the same way.

"White, he was on. If you slip, or do something too slow, it's a catch," Buffs defensive back Terrence Wheatley said. "Peterson, I've never seen someone that strong, that big."

In Colorado (7-5), the Sooners had the perfect foil for a statement game like this.

The Buffs turned their year of turmoil — dogged by a sex and recruiting scandal and the spring suspension of coach Gary Barnett — into a feel-good story by capturing the Big 12 North with a stirring, late-season, three-game winning streak.

But their appearance in the title game couldn't mask the fact that they are, at best, only the fourth- or fifth-best team in a conference in which all the good teams played in the other division.

"Our team is embarrassed by our performance," Barnett said. "We were inept at

best. We played a very, very good football team and we were just not prepared to play that team today."

Joel Klatt threw 52 yards for the Buffs and leading rusher Bobby Purify was held to 7 yards on 12 carries. Colorado took until the 9:35 mark of this quarter to get its first first down via penalty. The Buffs finished with only the first three downs and their only run pass the 50 code courtesy of an Oklahoma turnover.

Meanwhile, White and Peterson overcame the Colorado defense from the get-go. Oklahoma drove 80, 63, 53 and 40 yards for touchdowns and a 28-0 lead after its first five possessions.

Later in the second quarter, the Sooners made a first down off a fake field goal and were looking to go ahead 35-0, but White threw a lab into the end zone that was intercepted by Wheatley.

That was one of three turnovers the Sooners committed, the last of which resulted in Mason Crosby's field goal that kept the Buffs from being shut out.

Oklahoma won its 39th conference championship.

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Eckel, Navy take charge

Game MVP's career day leads Mids' rout of Army

BY MIKE JENSEN

The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — Navy fullback Kyle Eckel, who spent much of his youth living a few blocks away in South Philadelphia, spoke about what a great honor it was to have the President of the United States — “a very important man, to say the least” — address his team on Saturday just before the Midshipmen faced Army. The president talked about the importance of what they were all doing.

Later, after Navy had dominated the Cadets, 42-13, and Eckel had been named most valuable player for the second straight time at the Army-Navy game, the fullback told the truth.

“You try to drown that out,” Eckel said of the Commander-in-Chief’s visit. “It’s extra-curricular stuff.”

In the locker room, Navy’s players were on all one knee.

“A lot of us were like, ‘C’mon, c’mon.’ It’s a great honor, but everybody is focusing at that moment to get out there,” Eckel said. President Bush might have sensed all this.

“I think he told us to go out and bust their heads,” said Navy defensive captain Josh Smith. “He probably told them the same thing.”



Navy fullback Kyle Eckel (32) races away from practically the entire Army team en route to a 23-yard touchdown in the second quarter.

The Midshipmen followed orders. They scored four second-quarter touchdowns to take all the drama out of the game at Lincoln Financial Field.

Eckel, Navy’s best pro prospect

in a decade, ran 26 times for a career-high 179 yards. He actually lost yardage on a play for the first time late in the second quarter when Navy ran him out wide, but by the third quarter, Eckel was

over 1,000 rushing yards for the second straight season.

The Midshipmen, now 9-2 heading into their Emerald Bowl date with New Mexico, won that many games in a regular season for the

first time since 1963. They also tied the all-time series 49-49-7 by winning for the fifth time in six games.

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